

Masked gunman hunted in cop ambush - Detroit officer is shot three times in the garage of his home in Macomb Township.

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MACOMB TOWNSHIP -- Macomb County Sheriff's deputies are continuing their search for a masked gunman who they say ambushed and shot an off-duty Detroit police officer Monday morning in his Macomb Township home.

Detroit Police Officer **Carl Mack** was shot three times with a semiautomatic handgun in his garage by a man wearing dark clothing and a black ski mask, deputies said. The suspect fled on foot.

Mack, a six-year department veteran who is a patrolman in the city's 9th Precinct, suffered a grazing wound to the head and was shot in the hand and foot, Macomb County Sheriff Mark Hackel said.

Mack was listed in good condition at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital of Macomb in Clinton Township.

Hackel said the two men exchanged words just before the shooting, but a motive has not been established.

"I don't believe it was a random act or a home invasion," Hackel said. "We are leaning toward a personal issue."

The shooting in the quiet subdivision of newly constructed homes near 22 Mile and Hayes rattled residents. One area elementary school was locked down until deputies determined the shooter had fled the area.

An initial investigation determined that Mack, 41, was shot after opening the garage door of his two-story brick home on the corner of Summer Court and Strawberry Knoll about 7 a.m. Monday. His girlfriend called 911 immediately after the shooting.

Police K-9 units searched the area and determined the shooter walked down the driveway and at least a short distance to the roadway before fleeing in a car. William Fitts, whose kitchen looks out at the intersection where the home is located, was just waking up when shooting occurred.

"I heard a ping, ping, ping sound and at first I thought it was someone chipping at ice," Fitts, 38, said. "It's really woke up this neighborhood."

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