

DETROIT: POLICE KILL 3RD MAN IN 10 DAYS - HE POINTED GUN AT OFFICER, OFFICIALS SAY

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An off-duty Detroit police officer shot and killed a 36-year-old man Friday, marking the third fatal shooting since Nov. 5 for a department already under federal scrutiny, in part, because of the use of deadly force.

Police said the altercation began around 3:45 a.m. when the man, driving a Buick Regal, pulled alongside Officer Juan Reynoso, who was driving a Ford F-150 truck on Livernois, near Grand River, and pointed a revolver at him.

The officer fired one shot with his department-issued weapon at the man and killed him, said police spokeswoman Yvette Walker. She said a weapon was recovered.

The dead man has not yet been identified.

The other recent police shootings involved on-duty officers.

Officers shot and killed a man Tuesday who they said pointed a gun at them as they responded to neighbor's call for help.

Responding officers shot the 52-year-old after he pointed a gun at them, investigators said. Officers noticed the man had a gun as they were talking to the person who called for help at 1:14 a.m. Tuesday, spokesman James Tate said at the time.

The officers followed the man to the side of the home in the 5700 block of Manistique and saw him go in a side door. When they got to the door, they found him pointing the gun at them. One officer shot the man once in the chest, Tate said.

The officer involved is on administrative leave, which is standard procedure.

The man was taken to St. John Hospital, where he was pronounced dead, Tate said. The names of the officer and the dead man were not released.

On Nov. 5, two officers patrolling near 8 Mile and Hickory at about 1:30 a.m. saw two men running from an alley, Tate said.

As the officers got out of their car, one of the two men began shooting and hit the officers' vehicle, Tate said. The officers returned fire, killing **Andre Stinson**, 30, of Detroit.

Detroit's police department is under a federal consent decree mandating that it work toward reforms.

The decree was prompted, in part, by a Free Press investigation in 2000 that showed, among other findings, Detroit led the nation's big cities in the rate of fatal shootings of civilians by officers.

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