

## **RECKLESS SHOTS KILL DETROIT BOY, 10 - MAN ARRESTED IN THE YEAR'S 13TH SLAYING OF A CHILD UNDER AGE 16**

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Police arrested a man early this morning in the fatal shooting of a 10-year-old boy on the city's east side.

The 10-year-old Detroit boy became the metro area's 13th homicide victim younger than 16 this year when, police say, a man recklessly fired two shots into the boy's bedroom wall Monday.

Police were questioning **Douglas Kendrick**, 24, who they say fled the home after picking up a handgun in the kitchen and firing twice into the wall around 8 p.m. Spokesman Officer Glenn Woods could not say why **Kendrick** was angry.

One of the bullets pierced the wall of the boy's bedroom in the 13000 block of Manning, and he was hit in the back.

He was pronounced dead on arrival at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. Police did not release the boy's name.

"We have to put an end to this," said Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick from outside the home.

"We really need to sit down and talk about this. This really needs to stop. It pisses me off," Kilpatrick said.

The mayor said he will meet with various people today to figure out how to stop the violence.

When asked where was the outrage from Detroit residents about the child killings, Kilpatrick said, "I think the citizens have been up in arms. I think the way we handle that is different now."

Residents are more likely to walk their children to school and to participate in neighborhood watch programs, he said.

A Free Press review last month found that Detroit's child homicide rate so far this year is higher than those of Chicago, Los Angeles and seven other large cities. Detroit's homicide rate for children in the first quarter of this year was 3.5 homicides for every 100,000 children.

Woods said Monday's killing doesn't seem intentional. There were several people in the home at the time of the incident, he said.

Woods said **Kendrick** fled the home, throwing the handgun into the front yard of a house across the street.

**Kendrick** was arrested shortly after midnight.

He said that **Kendrick** was not upset at the boy.

"It's just hard to come to grips that we're losing that many children and the year's not close to being over," said Woods.

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