

SUSPECT RUNS , FERNDALE RESIDENTS LOCK DOWN - AFTER HIDING IN SHED, DETROIT MAN ARRESTED IN HOMICIDE

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For about two hours Tuesday, **Ferndale residents** in a two-block area peered through windows as police from four departments armed with shotguns, rifles and machine guns surrounded a slaying **suspect** .

Above them, one police and three news helicopters whirled.

The **suspect** , a 28-year-old Detroit man, eventually was caught Tuesday afternoon in an old aluminum shed behind a bungalow on Spencer Avenue.

He was arrested - along with a 27-year-old man from Detroit who police said was driving a getaway vehicle. Police did not release the names of the **suspects** or the victim, a 48-year-old Detroit man.

Both **suspects** were taken to the Oakland County Jail, and at least one of them is likely to be charged today with murder, said **Ferndale** Police Lt. Norm Raymond.

"There are still many things we are investigating," Raymond said.

A fourth man, described as a 50-year-old cousin of the victim, was questioned as a witness.

After his cousin was shot, the witness drove the victim toward Royal Oak's Beaumont Hospital, until police stopped them on Woodward, just south of 12 Mile - and not far from the hospital. The victim was rushed by ambulance and pronounced dead at the hospital. Police said he had been released from prison last month.

His criminal history was not released Tuesday, and it is unclear whether it had anything to do with the shooting. It also is unclear whether the two sets of men knew each other.

Don Bedford, 38, whose shed at 440 Spencer became the **suspect** 's hiding place, said he knew it was no ordinary day when squad cars pulled up across from his house - and dogs from the canine unit began tracking the fugitive.

"I was right in the middle of it," Bedford said, about an hour after the **suspect** was arrested.

The drama had **residents** who live off Hilton between Silman and Spencer under **lockdown** until about 1:30 p.m., when the **suspect** was captured.

Here's how the incident unfolded, according to police and witness accounts:

The two cousins pulled into a parking lot off 9 Mile Road, just east of Paxton, near the **Ferndale** Police Department about 11:30 a.m. They were in a black 2004 Pontiac Grand Prix. The victim was in the passenger seat. The **suspect**, who was standing a few feet from the car, began shooting with a .45-caliber pistol.

He fired nine rounds - several hit the car, blowing out the passenger-side window, and one hit a third-floor window of the Autumn House apartments. Police said no one in the apartment was a target or was injured.

Andrea Cato, 59, who lives on the fifth floor of Autumn House, said she saw the shooting.

"I was scared," she said.

Tami Heath, the manager of Nature Nook florist across the street from where the shooting occurred, said she heard six gunshots, then saw one man take off in a black car and another man jump over a brick wall near the Autumn House.

Police said the **suspect** dropped the gun, which was found near Troy Street, and then got into a dark green 2003 Ford Explorer, which the 27-year-old was driving. The driver, police said, apparently knew the shooter - but it is unclear how they are connected.

A witness tipped police off to the SUV, and an officer chased it down Hilton, police said.

On Spencer, police fired a shot at the driver's-side window and forced the SUV to pull over. The uninjured driver got out and surrendered, but the passenger ran away - and fled to the shed, where he gave up hours later.

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CAPTION: Shots were fired at parking lot off 9 Mile near the **Ferndale** Police Department. The victim's cousin drove him toward Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, but they were stopped by police. An ambulance took over.

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Don Bedford, 38, describes how police surrounded his home on Spencer in **Ferndale** , where a shooting **suspect** on the **run** decided to hide in his shed. "I was right in the middle of it," he said. Earlier, a 48-year-old Detroit man was shot. He was pronounced dead at the hospital.

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One of the **suspects** was arrested with the help of a SWAT team. Police from four departments surrounded the 28-year-old Detroit man.

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