

## **Triple slaying stuns family - Pregnant woman and her boyfriend shot dead in their Detroit home.**

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DETROIT -- Even in a city wracked by violence, the brutal slayings of a 34-year-old woman, who was eight months pregnant, and her boyfriend in a home on the city's west side left neighbors and family members stunned.

Shortly before 3 a.m. Wednesday, someone entered a home in the 14600 block of Winthrop and opened fire.

Police were not releasing names of the victims late Wednesday but relatives said the dead woman is Lakeisha White, who lived in the Winthrop house with her boyfriend, whom the relatives knew as "Boo."

"Lakeisha was a nice friendly person who would do anything for you," said a cousin, Shanda Simms. "She always had a smile on her face and she would just crack you up."

Another cousin, Alexandria Smith, 24, also lives on Winthrop. She said White came by her home Tuesday evening to pick up two pork chops she intended to cook for dinner.

Smith said she saw her again around 10:30 p.m. walking home from a nearby store on Greenfield.

On a street of neat lawns, colorful flower beds, and well-kept brick homes, the Winthrop home where the slayings happened was an eyesore with knee-high grass and weeds, two abandoned cars in the driveway and a back yard clogged with broken furniture and junk.

Neighbors said visitors came and left the home at all hours.

"These people moved in two months ago and now you have two people and an unborn baby shot dead on that street," said James Tate, Detroit police spokesman. "It's unfortunate for the people who live on that street who are keeping up a well-maintained neighborhood."

The incident was the second triple shooting in less than a week.

Last Thursday afternoon, three people were shot on Gravier on the city's east side in what police said was a drug-related crime.

Two of the victims, Clarence Cherry, 35, and Karisa Rice, 18, died at the scene. A second woman was critically injured.

Police are seeking James Morgan III, also known as **Lakari Berry** , an ex-convict.

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