

TWO STUDENTS SHOT AS THEFT OF JACKET FAILS

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Two Mackenzie High School **students** were **shot** near the school Friday by **a** man who had tried to rob another **student of** her leather **jacket** , police said.

The wounded **students** were identified **as** Larry Anthony, 16, and Christopher Steele, 17. Neither was **a** target **of** the robbery, which was foiled when **a** third **student** , not identified by police, refused to turn over the coat.

Anthony was treated at Northwest General Hospital and released; Steele was in stable condition Friday night.

The incident occurred about 1:30 p.m. in front **of** an ice cream stand at Wyoming and Oakman on the city's west side, **a** half block from the school. Witnesses said at least four **shots** and **as** many **as** six were fired randomly into **a** group **of** passing **students** . The gunman escaped.

Elizabeth Hood, Mackenzie's principal , said one **student** told her that when the girl refused to turn over her coat, the gunman asked her to "choose the spot where you want to die." Witnesses said he then ran across the street and opened fire

Anthony, an 11th grader, was **shot** in the hand, and Steele, **a** senior, was **shot** in the buttocks. Several classes at the school had just been dismissed.

Police said they were looking for **two** unidentified suspects.

Hood described the **jacket** the suspect wanted **as** "stunning."

The school discourages **students** from wearing clothing to school that "moves" (is salable), she said, adding that the suspect appeared to be **a** man "who was **a** berserk person or **a** hardened criminal who just takes what he wants at all costs."

The principal said the incident left her feeling "pretty numb" and depressed. She said she doubted if **students** at the school would be seriously affected by the shooting, but worried that parents might become concerned about their children's safety.

"We've had no incidents here inside the school. We are pretty proud **of** that," said Hood.

THE ATTEMPTED robbery was similiar to **a** rash **of** shootings in Detroit last year in which teenagers or others were **shot** and robbed **of** expensive leather **jackets** , popular among youngsters at the time.

Hood said school officials, concerned about keeping outsiders out **of** the schools and off school grounds, have considered creating "campus patrols" at high schools. The patrols would cover school property and nearby areas. She said officials also have discussed setting up metal detectors at school entrances to keep weapons outside the building.

The shooting Friday was the second outside **a** Detroit high school this school year. Marco Hardaway, 16, **a student** at Henry Ford High School, was **shot** to death outside that school Sept. 12. Hardaway had been in **a** fistfight with another **student** at the main entrance to the school, on Greenfield near Eight Mile.

A 16-year-old **student** turned himself in to police later and is awaiting **a** hearing in Wayne County Juvenile Court.

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