

## Two killed, a third injured in east-side Detroit shooting

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DETROIT -- A man and a woman were killed, and a 17-year-old girl was critically wounded in what police suspect was a drug-related shooting Thursday afternoon at an apartment complex on the city's eastside.

Homicide investigators said 35-year-old **Clarence Cherry** and 18-year-old Karsia Rice were shot and killed by a pair of unidentified men who burst into Rice's apartment, Unit 4-A, of the complex. The shooting scene is two blocks south of the border of Detroit and Grosse Pointe.

The 17 year old was listed in critical condition Thursday evening at St. John Hospital in Detroit.

**Cherry** was shot at least 12 times by one of the gunmen outside the apartment building as he tried to flee the assailants. He was later found dead between the apartment buildings.

One of the gunmen tied the young women up with duct tape and fatally shot Rice in the head. Rice's infant children, a girl and a boy, were in the apartment at the time of the shootings. The children were not harmed, according to Detroit Police Commander James Tolbert, head of the department's major crimes division.

Police are looking for two men who escaped in a black Jeep Commander in connection with the shootings. Police said the men took a black duffel bag from the apartment following the shootings.

The shootings drew a large crowd of onlookers including stunned relatives of the victims.

Brenda Midgett, who said she was **Cherry's** godmother, stood with other bystanders as police surveyed the grounds of the apartment complex, much of which was cordoned off with yellow police tape.

"He was a lovable young man, " said Midgett.

As the evening worn on she was joined by other relatives who had heard the news of the shootings. She wiped away tears and considered the crime that claimed the life of her godson.

"There's so much crime. It's senseless," said Midgett.

Anyone with information is asked to call Detroit Police at (313) 596-2260 or the Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-SPEAK-UP.

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