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DETROIT — Police are investigating whether gang rivalries caused a shooting this morning outside a downtown nightclub that **killed** two **men** and critically injured a third.

The 2 :13 a.m. incident near the Bleu Room Experience — commonly called **Club** Bleu — began after one of the victims stood outside making gang signs with his hands, said **Detroit** Police Second Deputy Chief James Tate said.

A black Dodge Charger with three **men** inside pulled up and a front passenger lobbed a liquor bottle, striking an 18-year-old **man in** the face. A passenger **in** back fired shots into a crowd and **killed** two **men**, ages 19 and 21. They were both shot **in** the chest at least once, Tate said.

The **man** who was struck **in** the face with the bottle also was struck **in** the right shoulder by at least one bullet. He was listed **in** critical condition at a hospital, Tate said.

About 40 people were outside the **club** at the time, according to broadcast media reports.

Police did not release the names of the victims. He did not know if the victims were friends or just happened to be standing next to each other.

The gang signs were ones known to be used by a Highland Park gang, Tate said. Investigators still are probing the attack and had made no arrests, he said.

Anyone with information should call **Detroit** Police Department homicide investigators at (313) 596-2260 or the confidential tip line Crime Stoppers at (800) 773-2587.

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