

Two in critical condition in suspected drug deal shootings

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DETROIT -- Police have released the identities of three victims in what they describe as a Christmas Eve marijuana buy gone bad.

Keith Maxey, 16, of Detroit was pronounced dead on arrival at St. John's Hospital in Detroit after police found him about 2:40 p.m. Monday riddled with bullet wounds on the front lawn at 4619 Balfour, a vacant house that neighbors had complained to police had been converted into a drug den.

In critical condition at St. John's are Amir Taylor, 20, and Brian McClendon Jr., 20, both of Detroit. Taylor was found by police on the front porch, while McClendon was on the living room floor.

According to police, three men were inside the house when two others came in and opened fire. The gunmen fled on foot with marijuana; police found another pound of the drug inside.

Barbara Wilson, Amir Taylor's stepmother, said Taylor was shot in the leg and doctors say he should recover. Wilson said Taylor is an elections worker and she does not know what happened or who the others involved in the shooting were.

"I just wish that they would catch them," she said.

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