

MOTHER OF SLAIN 4-MONTH-OLD PLEADS FOR ANSWERS

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The mother of a **4-month-old** boy who was **shot** to death on Sunday morning appealed to the public today to help find her son's killer.

During a **Detroit** Police press conference this evening, Seleena Tafflemire, 25, who was wearing hospital greens, described the moments before her son, Walter Bogan III, was **shot** as he slept **in** their apartment on **Detroit** 's west side. Tafflemire said she got up at 4:30 a.m. to give her son medicine and to feed him before bringing him to the living room to watch a movie with her.

"I don't know what happened. All I know was there was **shots** ," Tafflemire said.

"I tried my best to protect my **baby** ," Tafflemire she said. "My **baby** 's done nothing to no one. I've done nothing to no one. My family has done nothing to no one. This was senseless. This was cruel. This was inhuman. This is not right. And somebody, I know you know something and I know you maybe scared. But I beg you. I beg you to please come forward. This is not right. This is not right at all."

According to police, armed men fired several **shots** from at least two different guns into the second-floor apartment off Lahser Road. The child, who was **shot in** the head, was taken to Sinai-Grace Hospital **in Detroit** , where he was pronounced **dead** .

Detroit City Council President Monica Conyers released a statement today that said she would support "enactment of a death penalty for anyone that kills a child **in** Michigan," according to Free Press reporting partner WDIV-TV Local 4.

"We go about our business **in Detroit** as if we are immune to the killing of our children. Two teenagers were gunned down last week, now a **4-month-old baby** is murdered while asleep. If we are not mad as hell about this we have lost our humanity," Conyers wrote.

Detroit Police spokesman James Tate said no one was **in** custody. "We've questioned lots of people," Tate said. "We do have a few leads."

Anyone with information is asked to call **Detroit** police any time at 313-596-2260 or Crime Stoppers at 800-773-2587 (800-SPEAKUP).

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