

Off-duty Detroit officer killed at bar - Kenneth Daniels was working as bouncer; five people arrested

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DETROIT - **Police** arrested a recent parolee Thursday in the slaying of an off-duty **police officer** outside a west side **strip club** .

Michael Allen, 37, of Detroit was expected to be charged today in the slaying of 28-year-old Kenneth Daniels, who was moonlighting as a bouncer **at** The Sting Bar in the 6600 block of Michigan on the city's west side, **police** said.

Cmdr. Craig Schwartz, head of the **Police** Department's Criminal Investigations Bureau, said the shooting occurred about 12:30 a.m. in the bar's parking lot.

The incident began in the bar when five men started arguing about their bill.

Brian Colding, a bouncer **at** the bar, said the men came into the bar looking for trouble.

"They ordered some wine, and then they didn't want to pay for it," Colding said. "They started yelling and screaming, and then they surrounded the manager."

When the bouncers started to evict the group, Schwartz said some of the men urged one of them to go to his car and get his gun and that man left.

Some of the incident was caught on the bar's security camera, Schwartz said.

"Parts of the incident were caught on video, including the suspect brandishing the gun. That tape is still being examined," Schwartz said.

After the man left to get his gun, Daniels and the other bouncers hustled the remaining four men from the group out of the bar.

Colding said that when they got the four men out into the parking lot, Daniels and one of those men were "tussling" when the man who had left earlier ran up and **at** close range **shot** Daniels.

"These guys were not regulars, and it didn't appear they had a vendetta against anyone in particular," Colding said "They were just punks looking to cause trouble."

Allen has prior convictions for weapons offenses, kidnapping and selling illegal drugs, Schwartz said. He was paroled in July and had not been reporting to his parole **officer** , he added.

Daniels, an eight-year **Police** Department veteran, was assigned to the Tactical Services Section.

Schwartz said Daniels should not have been working in the bar. He said **officers** are allowed to have other jobs, but cannot work in places regulated by the city, like **clubs** that serve liquor.

However, officials do not expect a crackdown on **officers** moonlighting as a result of the shooting.

"You don't know they are working in (prohibited areas) unless you find out. No one knew about him working as a bouncer," said James Tate, a **Police** Department spokesman.

Daniels is the third **police officer killed** in the city this year.

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