

## **RIVALRY EXPLODES INTO KILLING - DETROIT TEEN IS 16TH METRO YOUTH TO DIE BY GUNFIRE**

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An argument between two teens that stemmed from the longtime Dexter-Linwood neighborhood **rivalry** ended tragically Wednesday, with one shooting the other to death as he tried to run away.

It was the latest in a string of shootings that have claimed the lives of at least 16 metro-area children younger than 16 this year and wounded scores more. Six others have been killed by other means. The crisis has given the metro area one of the highest rates of child homicide in the country.

At least 13 of the shootings have been in Detroit and have sparked initiatives by Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, police and prosecutors to reduce the violence against children. Yet the **killing** continues.

Deshawn Glenn, 15, of the 4000 block of Lawrence in the Linwood area, died in front of the Barrel and Bottle Party Store on the corner of Collingwood and Dexter, his body straddling the sidewalk.

He was pronounced dead at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

Deputy Chief Harold Cureton of the Detroit Police Department said the teens had argued earlier at Central High School. He didn't say what the argument was about but did acknowledge the decades-long neighborhood **rivalry** .

"I can't say that's definitely the cause of it," he said.

According to witnesses, Glenn, a student at Y. Gladys Barsamian Preparatory Center, was at the Clark gas station across from the party store when he encountered the other teen. Steve Ingram, a friend of Glenn who was in the station, said the other teen started arguing with Glenn.

Ingram said the other teen taunted Glenn with obscenities and slurs.

The two teens went outside and things seemed to cool down, but then the arguing started up again, Ingram said.

The other teen said, "Don't get your head shot off," Ingram said.

Ingram said he didn't think much about it since it was just two teens arguing. He went home.

Other witnesses, who asked not to be identified, said the other teen, who was with four or five people, left but returned with a gun shortly after 7 p.m. A clerk inside the station said about 15 minutes after he heard arguing, someone yelled, "He's got a heater!"

The clerk said he called police.

Glenn begged the teen not to shoot him as he ran across the street toward the party store, witnesses said.

On the corner where Glenn died, there were kinds of territorial markings in the form of graffiti that says "Dogs\$ Dexter" and other names written in the cement. On the side of the Clark station, the graffiti says "Dexter Dogs 4 Life."

Shemika Massengburg, who works at the party store, said her boss asked her to go outside to see whether she could identify the victim. She said she was surprised it was Glenn, whom she knew.

"It's just a shame because he was so young," she said.

Witnesses in the neighborhood were eager to help police find the shooter. A small group crowded **into** the gas station as police reviewed the surveillance tape. They were able to identify the teen who fled on foot after the shooting, according to police.

Kilpatrick was in Washington, D.C., said spokesman Jamaine Dickens.

Police Chief Jerry Oliver could not be reached for comment.

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## METRO AREA'S YOUNG HOMICIDE VICTIMS

Twenty-three metro-area children have been homicide victims so far this year, 16 of them killed by gunfire. They are:

Jan. 13: Jameise Scaife, 3 days old, of Detroit. Doctors performed an emergency cesarean section to deliver Jameise after his pregnant mother jumped from a building set ablaze by an arsonist. Jameise died three days later.

Feb. 11: Joseph Walker, 16, of Detroit died of multiple gunshot wounds outside the Budget Inn on Plymouth Road. Police say Walker and a friend allegedly planned to rob two men, but one of the men shot Walker.

Feb. 21: Brennon Cunningham, 3, of Detroit died of strangulation. His mother, Aimee Cunningham, 34, is charged with first-degree murder.

Feb. 25: Ajanee Pollard, 7, of Detroit, fatally shot in the head when a gunman opened fire on her family's car as they were about to go shopping. Her brother, two sisters and mother also were wounded. Two men -- Joel Allen, 24, and Willie Robinson, 25 -- were convicted and sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole.

March 23: Destinee Thomas, 3, of Detroit, shot as she watched TV in her bedroom when someone opened fire on her home with an AK47. Two men -- Julian Key, 19, and Cedric Pipes, 21 -- were charged with first-degree murder. A mistrial was declared in September.

March 28: Alesia Robinson, 16, of Detroit, killed by a single gunshot wound to the face. Her boyfriend, Darron Kilgore, 19, is charged with first-degree murder.

April 3: Christopher James, 11, of Detroit, shot in the head. His 12-year-old half-brother was charged in juvenile court with manslaughter and possession of a firearm. The suspect's family said they were playing with a gun they found and the shooting was an accident.

April 10: Brianna Caddell, 8, of Detroit, shot and killed while sleeping in her bed. A man opened fire on her home with an AK47. Two Detroit men -- Karis Hampton, 23, and Antoine Foote, 26 - - have been charged in Brianna's death.

April 18: Irisha Keener, 3, of Detroit, shot in the head by her mother as they lay in bed at their home. Ira Keener then turned the gun on herself.

April 30: Cherrel Thomas, 15, of Detroit, shot and killed in the backseat of a car, possibly in a dispute over clothing. A 17-year-old suspect, Terrill Johnson, has been charged with first-degree murder and a 21-year-old suspect, Jesse Freeman, has been charged with second-degree murder. Freeman pleaded guilty to his charges.

May 24: Irika Peterson, 14, of Detroit, stabbed to death in her home. Police have charged her mother, Tammy Burse, with stabbing her repeatedly with scissors because the girl had confided to school counselors about her family's deplorable living conditions.

May 26: Tiffany Taylor, 15, of Mt. Clemens, shot while riding in a car with friends after spending the evening at a roller-skating rink. Police say they believe she was hit by random gunfire from an abandoned house.

June 3: DeAntoine Trammell, 10, of Detroit, shot to death in his home. Police said his mother's boyfriend, Douglas Kendrick, 24, came home drunk, threatened to kill himself and fired a gun twice. The bullets pierced a bedroom wall, hitting DeAntoine.

June 27: Amari Ware, 20 months, of Detroit, shot to death, allegedly by her father, Antonio Ware, who is charged with first-degree murder.

July 6: Stephanie Swinea, 7, of Garden City, shot to death in her home. Her father also was killed and a 14-year-old sister was seriously injured. Steven Maier, a friend who was staying with the family, has been charged with the **killings** .

July 23: Adreana Matlock, 1, of Detroit, beaten to death after she was left in the care of her mother's boyfriend. July 28: Anthony Taylor-Bolden, 16, of Detroit, killed after he allegedly brandished a sawed-off shotgun while robbing an off-duty Detroit police of a gold necklace.

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Aug. 16: Gordon Watson, 14, of Detroit, killed by a gunshot to the face. His best friend, 17-year-old Arnell Bowden, was charged with first-degree murder and felony firearm charges.

Aug. 26: Antoine Belton, 11, of Detroit, shot in the neck. Police said he was sitting on the porch of his home with his 17-year-old cousin Alfonzo Martin when someone driving through the neighborhood sprayed the area with bullets from an AK47. His cousin survived. The case is unsolved.

Oct. 2: Darrin Marshall, 11, of Detroit, killed by a speeding car. He was bouncing his basketball on the sidewalk when a white Ford Explorer collided with a man speeding in a stolen Ford Taurus. The Taurus spun out of control, hitting another parked car and **killing** Darrin. Rontae Hill, 21, the man driving the speeding car, has been charged with negligent homicide.

Oct. 16: Daniel Woodward, 2, of Detroit, fatally beaten by his mother's 32-year-old boyfriend because he wet his pants. The boyfriend, Roderick Bailey, is charged with first-degree murder.

Oct. 27: Inia Taylor, 8 months, died of shaken-baby syndrome at Children's Hospital of Michigan. Police said Inia had been crying for hours the previous day when her 29-year-old father picked her up and walked out of the room. When he returned, Inia wasn't crying anymore. Inia's father, Isaac Taylor, faces first-degree murder and child abuse charges.

Thursday: Deshawn Glenn, 15, of Detroit, shot to death after an argument with another youth.

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