



Man gunned down at 9th and Dock

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A 26-year-old man was shot to death Tuesday afternoon in Wilmington, according to a Wilmington Police Department news release.

The man, identified late Tuesday by police as Martineze Vaughn, was shot multiple times, police said. He was found lying on the steps of 122 S. Ninth St., between Dock and Orange streets, according to the release.

The shooting was called in about 4:15 p.m. Police are treating the death as a homicide.

Cody Raney lives around the corner from where the shooting happened.

"I heard a loud noise like a hammer hitting the lid of a trash can about five or six times,"

Raney said.

Raney went outside about five minutes later after hearing sirens and found a strong police presence. The man was already dead in the street by the time Raney saw the scene.

Police towed two cars from the scene — a tan Honda Fit with North Carolina license plates and a white Buick Enclave with Michigan license plates. As of Tuesday, it was unclear what connection, if any, they had to the killing.

Investigators were seen going in and out of the brick building where the man was found, even as night fell.

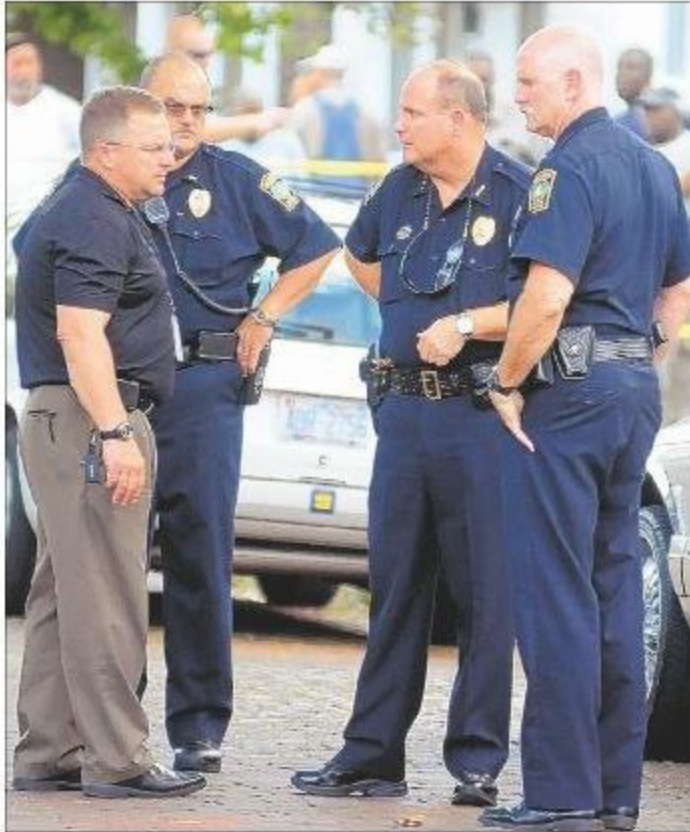
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Detectives look over the scene at Ninth and Dock streets Tuesday where a man died after being shot multiple times. He was found lying on the steps of 122 S. 9th St., between. Photo by Adam Wagner

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Wilmington police and a North Carolina state trooper at the scene of Tuesday's fatal shooting at Ninth and Dock.

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South Ninth Street where the victim was found, and there also were a few evidence markers outside a gate behind the house, along Orange Street.

About 7 p.m., police brought a young child out of the building, crying on and off. It was not immediately clear

if he was related to the victim.

No arrests had been made in Vaughn's death as of Tuesday night. While detectives investigated that shooting, another was reported about 9 p.m. Tuesday in the 700 block of Nun Street. Police said there were no injuries in that shooting, but property was damaged.

The killing was the seventh homi-

cide of 2014 in Wilmington, according to records.

Anyone with information about the shooting can call the Wilmington Police Department at 910-343-3609 or use Text-A-Tip by sending a message to 274637 and beginning it with "Tip708."

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