

Home Invader Shot And Killed In California Identified; Police Investigating

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UPDATE FROM THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE: On August 27, 2021, at approximately 11:20 p.m. deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the 23200 block of Woodland Acres Road in California, for the reported burglary with an individual shot. Deputies arrived on scene and located an individual, later identified as Tavein Malik Dickens, age 23 of Lexington Park, suffering from a gunshot wound. Lifesaving measures were attempted at the scene and Dickens was transported to an area trauma center where he was later pronounced deceased.

Tavein Malik Dickens

Preliminary investigation determined Dickens forced entry to the residence through the front door after repeatedly banging on other exterior doors and windows around the residence. As Dickens entered the residence, he was confronted by the homeowner at which time a struggle ensued. During the struggle, the homeowner discharged a firearm, striking Dickens in the upper body.

The investigation is ongoing and will be reviewed with the State's Attorney for St. Mary's County. Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact Detective Daniel Sidorowicz at (301) 475-4200 extension 78043 or by email at Daniel.Sidorowicz@stmarysmd.com.

Citizens may remain anonymous and contact Crime Solvers at (301) 475-3333, or text a tip to "TIP239" plus their message to "CRIMES" (274637). Through the Crime Solvers Program tipsters are eligible for an award of up to \$1,000 for information about a crime in St. Mary's County that leads to an arrest or indictment.

UPDATE: Last night at approximately 11:26 p.m., first responders were called to the 23000 block of Woodland Acres Road for the reported burglary and one person suffering from gunshot wounds.

The homeowner had allegedly shot the intruder with a handgun when he entered the residence which was occupied by three people.

As previously mentioned, a helicopter was requested to transport the victim to a trauma center, however all were grounded due to bad weather. The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office along with Crime Lab Technicians responded to conduct a further investigation.

UPDATE at 12:15 a.m.: The victim is being transported to MedStar St. Mary's Hospital for further treatment.

CALIFORNIA, Md. -- We are receiving reports of a male who has suffered gunshot wounds in the upper body this evening.

At approximately 11:30 p.m. on August 27, first responders were alerted to the scene of Woodland Acres Road and Potter Drive for reports of a male who had suffered a gunshot wound. Preliminary reports indicated that the victim was shot in the left side of his chest and arm area.

The patient was determined to be in critical condition and in need of immediate transportation to a trauma center. Unfortunately, dangerous weather conditions have grounded all helicopter transports at this time.

This is a developing story. We will continue to provide updates as they become available.

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