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UPDATED: Washtenaw County Sheriff's deputies searching for 3 suspects in shooting of 30-year-old Superior Township man

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Washtenaw County sheriff's deputies are searching for three or four people believed to be involved in the fatal shooting of 30-year-old **Jamar Gardner** in Superior Township today.

Authorities say the shooting does not appear to be random and may have resulted from a confrontation earlier in the day.



Mary Myers cries as she rests her head on the back of her nephew, Mane Gardner, outside the Sycamore Meadows complex in Superior Township, where another nephew, Jamar Gardner, was fatally shot Saturday afternoon.

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Around 3:10 p.m. today, the Sheriff's Department received a report of shots fired in the **Sycamore Meadows** complex in the 8700 block of MacArthur Boulevard. When deputies arrived at the scene, they found Gardner shot to death on the sidewalk.

This evening, police released the identities and names of two people considered "persons of interest" in the case.

Marget Tracy Pittman, 35, and **LaShawn Antonio Covington**, 18, are being sought for questioning.

Police previously said it was unclear whether three or four people were involved, and released descriptions of three men seen fleeing south on MacArthur Boulevard in a dark green four-door sedan of a foreign make.

Two of the men were described as black, between 6 feet 1 inch to 6 feet 3 inches tall, and about 160 pounds. The third was described as black, 5 feet 8 inches tall, and 140 pounds.

It is likely Gardner, who lived in another part of Superior Township with his mother, knew the other men, said Derrick Jackson, the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department's director of community engagement.

Marget Tracy Pittman

"There was an altercation earlier in the day," Jackson said. "And this seems to be how it ended."

While friends and family waited for the medical examiner to arrive, they expressed sadness and shock at Gardner's violent death.

"He was as sweet as could be," said Gardner's aunt, Mary Myers. "He'd give you the shirt off his back. He's going to be missed."

Gardner's cousin, Telicia Gardner, described him as a good and funny person. "He didn't deserve what happened to him," she said.

Sam Johnson, a friend who also lives in the complex, said Gardner "wasn't the violent type."

"He was a good dude," Johnson said. "I don't know why anyone would want to do that to him."

Anyone with information on the shooting is asked to call the sheriff's tip line at 734-973-7711.



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