

3 charged in robbery-murder



Sgt. Bob Clark of the Jefferson City Police Department walks out of a house at 1002 Buena Vista Monday morning after the locks were changed by the Jefferson City Housing Authority. This was the scene of an early Sunday shooting in which one person was killed and another shot and injured.

Julie Smith/News Tribune

By RYAN SMITH
News Tribune

Two Jefferson City men and a 16-year-old juvenile are in custody and have been charged for their alleged roles in the Sunday morning robbery and murder of a Jefferson City man in his home.

Eddie Gordon IV, 22, 1010 Elizabeth, Apt. B, and Mychal Sangster or Harris, 21, 1013 Dulle — whose real last name police have not yet determined — have each been charged with second-degree felony murder, felonious restraint and armed criminal action.

Gordon also was charged with second-degree robbery, Sangster/Harris with robbery in the first degree.

Both are being held in the Cole County Jail on \$1 million bond. Information has not been released regarding the juvenile's status.

The men are accused of killing 24-year old Christopher Deloche, who was pronounced dead in his home at 1002 Buena Vista, shortly after 1 a.m. Sunday.

A second victim, Victoria Hughes, whose age is currently unknown, was taken Sunday to University Hospital for treatment for a gunshot wound to the back.

Jefferson City Police Department Det. Rob Bucklew said **See CHARGES, page 5**



Charged

From page one

police believe the two men and the juvenile planned to rob Deloche's residence because they believed money and drugs were available there.

The men allegedly dressed in dark clothing and masks and forced their way into the home sometime after midnight Sunday. Present in the home were Deloche, four other adults and two children who were asleep in one of the back bedrooms.

The adults reportedly were held at gunpoint by Gordon with a semi-automatic, 9mm rifle, told to sit in the living room, stare at the TV and not to look at the robbers.

Gordon allegedly robbed a woman of all the cash she had in her purse, while the other two suspects ransacked the residence looking for money, drugs, and valuables.

Gordon told police he shot Deloche because the victim spoke the name of Sangster, indicating that Deloche recognized at least one of the alleged robbers.

The point blank shot to the head killed Deloche instantly, police said.

Following the shooting, the room "turned to pure chaos," Bucklew said.

Sangster/Harris told police he tried to take the gun from Gordon at the same time that Hughes also attempted to grab the weapon.

During the struggle, Sangster/Harris said he unintentionally shot Hughes in back. A third shot was fired, but no one was injured and the shooter is undetermined.

The suspects and some of the robbery victims fled the residence shortly after the incident.

Hughes ran to McDonald's in the 1400 block of Missouri Boulevard. Police initially received an emergency 911 call regarding the incident at 12:38 a.m. from a manager at McDonald's.

At about 1 a.m., a separate robbery victim called police to report the incident and said he recognized Sangster/Harris as one of the suspects.

Investigators were able to obtain information connecting Sangster/Harris, Gordon and the juvenile to the incident and arrested all three by Sunday afternoon.

Police say all three lived within a block of each other in the Morris-Edmonds housing project. They reportedly found the clothing the accused were wearing as well as other in evidence in a residence on Dulle Street.

Police still are investigating the incident and also are seeking other subjects who may have played an indirect role in the crime.

An autopsy was scheduled Monday in Columbia for Deloche. No information is available about Hughes' current medical status.

rsmith@newstribune.com