



## News Release

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### Minneapolis Police and Community Members Respond to Recent Homicide

Oct. 19, 2015 (MINNEAPOLIS) At approximately 4:45 pm, Minneapolis Police Officers from the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct responded to a shots fired call near the intersection of Lake Street and Pleasant Avenue. When they arrived, they found an adult male who had died from a gunshot wound. There is not a suspect in custody at this time, but investigators believe the suspect and the victim knew each other.

“This community needs peace. We need people to put the guns down. These (recent) cases aren’t necessarily related but the common denominator is gun violence,” Chief Janeé Harteau said, as she was surrounded by community leaders and community members at the scene.

Just prior to the shooting call, a team of 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct Officers was ready to head back to the 3700 block of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South, where a man was shot and killed the day before. This would have been their second time engaging with residents in that particular area on Monday. The teams plan to continue this important work on Tuesday. They will also be out in the area surrounding Lake and Pleasant, to continue their community engagement work with home and business owners regarding this latest tragedy. Existing patrol resources will also be saturating both of these areas in the coming days.

“Addressing gun violence is a priority for Mayor Hodges and me. We are looking at all of our resources right now. Many of our suspects in the shootings this year have lengthy criminal histories. They’re not first time offenders in the criminal justice system and we need to find ways to connect those dots, and try to predict and prevent shootings before the next one occurs,” Harteau concluded.

The Medical Examiner will provide the identity of the victim in the Lake Street and Pleasant Avenue case. The criminal case number is 15-391364.

Anyone with information on this case, or others, is asked to call CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or send an anonymous tip to CRIMES (274637) and begin the message with: TIP674.

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The 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct Minneapolis Police Department will be out today door knocking the immediate neighborhood of where the Homicide occurred. We want to reach out to our community members, do our best to answer questions, concerns, fears, and to show our support. At this time it is still an active investigation, so we are unable to give out many details. When information is available in the future, we will release it to the community. We have no further information available at this time.

If you have any information regarding the incident you are asked to call **CrimeStoppers** at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or send an anonymous tip to CRIMES (274637) and begin message with: TIP674. The case number is 15-390665.

If you don't have an active block club on your block, or are interested in starting one, please contact your crime prevention specialist, by calling 311 to find out who it is. Please only contact your crime prevention specialist with questions related to crime prevention, as she does not have further information on the homicide.

If you are interested in crime prevention resources you can find them at <http://go.usa.gov/3uxZH> or other personal safety tips information.

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