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Cops: Mount Vernon gunshot victim was robbed while he lay dying

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MOUNT VERNON — Moments after Rubin Davis was shot by a gunman in Fourth Street Park, someone looted him of his belongings, city police said Tuesday.

As Davis lay bleeding to death with a single bullet to his chest, someone took his wallet, cellphone and money, Police Commissioner Carl Bell said.

Some witnesses came forward with a description of that second person to detectives, Bell said, and witnesses are also starting to give police information about the gunman being sought.

The park was crowded with about 200 people at 2:30 p.m. Sunday when Davis, a Phoenix Academy counselor and graduate of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, was gunned down in the popular park made famous by the number of NBA stars who once played there and often return.

Mount Vernon Mayor Clinton Young decried Davis' killing Tuesday.

"This is one of those truly, truly unfortunate incidents," Young said. "We not only have to try to catch the guy who did this, but also make sense of this. This was a stellar young man."

It was the fourth homicide of the year in Mount Vernon.

What is known so far is that Davis, a Bronx resident, drove to Mount Vernon to have Sunday dinner with his sister, Taineesha Garland, 38. En route to her Mount Vernon home, he stopped off at the Fourth Street Playground because his cousin, Dwayne Jones,

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20, who lives with Garland, was there. Garland had asked Davis to talk to Jones for her about a private matter.

While Davis was sitting in the third row of the playground bleachers talking to Jones, a gunman walked up to them.

Garland said the assailant pointed the gun at Davis' chest and demanded his money, ordering Davis to "give me all you got."

The gunman then shot Davis once with a .45-caliber handgun, Bell said Tuesday.

The shooter ran away. The crowd scattered and the police were called.

Jones ran from the Fourth Street playground to Garland's Third Avenue home and told her about the shooting.

Young and Bell said a mini-precinct will be installed in the Levister Towers area in four to six weeks. Young said it was planned before the shooting but the incident just shows how much it is needed.

Young said the playground next to the sprawling apartment complex on South Seventh Avenue and West Fourth Street is one of the city's "jewels."

"We cannot allow it to become a park where people sit there and get high and shoot each other," Bell said.

Police are asking anyone with information about the shooting to call 914-665-2514.

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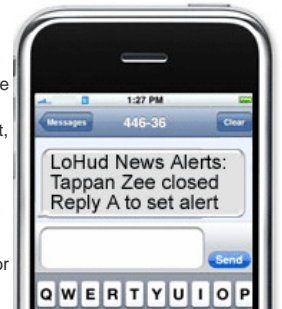
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