

The Atlanta Journal and The Atlanta Constitution  
February 9, 2001  
Edition: Final; The Atlanta Journal  
Section: Metro News  
Page: D3

Woman killed in struggle with officer

Author: Mike Morris; Staff

Article Text:

A southeast Atlanta woman was shot and killed by a police officer today after she hit the officer in the head with a chunk of concrete, police said.

The shooting occurred after the officer responded to a 3 a.m. stabbing on Vanira Avenue, about three blocks south of Turner Field, Atlanta police Sgt. Rick Chambers said.

A woman had cut another woman during a fight, and when the officer located the suspect, she ran, Chambers said.

The officer caught the woman and a struggle began, during which the woman picked up a "large concrete rock" and struck the officer, Chambers said.

Chambers said that when the woman tried to hit the officer a second time with the concrete, he shot her twice in the lower chest.

The 40-year-old woman, whose name was not released, was taken to Grady Memorial Hospital, where she later died.

The officer, whose name was not released, was treated at Grady for a possible concussion and released. Chambers said the incident appeared to be a justified shooting. The woman cut in the initial fight was also treated and released.

Copyright 2001 The Atlanta Journal and The Atlanta Constitution