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Police shoot and kill man, 19, on south side

Officers say he fired gun inside house, then at them

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Article Text:

A 19-year-old man Milwaukee police say was armed with two handguns and shot repeatedly at officers was killed early Saturday when they returned fire, according to a statement from the department.

His mother identified the man as Adam Quinonez, a student at Career Youth Development Inc. School of Excellence, an alternative school. He would have graduated in June, Luz Quinonez said.

"I really don't know what happened. I'm really in the dark. It's really hard to explain," she said.

"Police got him acting like a bad kid. He wasn't."

The Police Department has not officially released the man's name but gave this account of events:

Shortly after midnight, police received several calls about a man firing shots inside a home in the 2000 block of S. 12th St.

Plainclothes officers with the department's gang unit were the first on the scene and saw a man in the street with a gun. They identified themselves as police and ordered him to drop the weapon. He ran, turned and began firing at police, and one of the officers returned fire.

When two uniformed officers from District 2 arrived, they saw the man shooting at the gang unit members and then also shot at the suspect.

The man was pronounced dead at the scene, according to police. Two handguns were recovered from him, the department said. The officers involved, ages 30 to 33, have from four to 12 years of service with the department. They have been placed on administrative duty pending an investigation by the Police Department and the Milwaukee County district attorney's office, standard procedure in all police-involved shootings.

Department officials would not provide other information about the shooting Saturday.

It was the second fatal Milwaukee police shooting this month. On Jan. 12, an officer shot and killed David Boone, 43, who officials said charged at an officer and tried to take his gun. No weapon was found on Boone, who died in the 2800 block of N. 49th St. Last year, Milwaukee police were involved in five fatal shootings. All were ruled justified.

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