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Second man sought in shooting

DeKalb County police on Monday identified the man who was fatally shot while allegedly exchanging gunfire with an off-duty police officer at South DeKalb Mall on Sunday.

The police officer and a mall security officer were responding to a complaint of a cellphone theft. While questioning Izekiel Myton, 22, of Stone Mountain, police said Myton began to fight with the officer, and then ran.

The officer caught Myton in the mall parking lot and the two scuffled at about 6:10 p.m.

Police said Myton fired at the officer. The officer returned fire, killing Myton.

Police continue to search for another man who was with Myton.

The officer, whom police have declined to identify, has been placed on routine administrative leave with pay while the shooting is investigated.

FORSYTH COUNTY: Couple killed in wreck identified

The husband and wife killed in a two-vehicle wreck in Forsyth County Saturday night have been identified as Randy James Keller, 37, and Kenna Purvis-Keller, 38, said Forsyth County Sheriff's Department spokesman Capt. Frank Huggins. The Alpharetta couple's 1998 Chevrolet Blazer was struck in the rear shortly after they turned from Crossroads Road onto southbound Ga. 400. The SUV rolled several times, partially ejecting the couple, who were not wearing seatbelts, Huggins said. Randy Keller died at the scene, and his wife died later at North Fulton Regional Medical Center. The driver of the other vehicle was treated at Baptist Medical Center and released. No charges have been filed.

SPALDING COUNTY: Rat's nest blamed for costly plant fire

A rodent's nest in an electrical panel apparently caused a short that touched off a \$1.5 million fire that leveled an aerosol packaging plant Monday, authorities said. Two employees of ARI were reporting for work about 7 a.m. when they heard an explosion, Spalding County Fire Marshal Gary Kendrick said. Firefighters found the 22,500-square-foot metal plant in flames. Due to the intense blaze and chemicals at the plant, they called for help from more than 100 other firefighters from surrounding counties and cities. After eight hours, only huge piles of charred rubble, ash and twisted metal remained. The company, which packages aerosol cans of potpourri, insecticides, Tabasco-spray and other items, employed more than 25. All employees were unharmed, Kendrick said.

RICHMOND COUNTY: Woman sought after fire at motel

Fire officials are looking for a woman they say checks into hotels and then cooks illegal drugs in the room, causing two fires since last summer. Early Monday, a room at a Shoney's Inn caught fire. Firefighters contained the blaze to the single room and found the charred remains of tools used to make methamphetamine. No one was injured. The room's occupants -- Kelly E. Barton, 24, of Augusta, and Marvin Lee Boyd, 22, of Hephzibah -- left the hotel and are being sought in the blaze, said Special Agent Patrick Clayton of the Drug Enforcement Administration. Barton was involved in a similar fire in July at a Quality Inn, according to Clayton. That fire caused \$35,000 in damage. She was charged with criminal damage to property and manufacturing methamphetamine in that incident, said Matt Phares, a task force agent with the DEA.

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