



AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

VICTIM'S IDENTITY RELEASED IN SATURDAY'S FATAL SHOOTING ON CITY'S SOUTHEAST SIDE

[AURORA, Ill. – February 8, 2020]: Aurora Police continue to investigate the fatal shooting of a 20-year-old man on the city's Southeast side late Friday night.

Just before midnight, officers were dispatched to a report of a person shot at an apartment in the 400 block of Sherman Ave. When officers arrived, they found a 20-year-old man suffering from a gunshot wound to his chest. Aurora Fire Department paramedics transported the man to an area hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The 20-year-old has been identified as John H. Smith of the 600 block of Sumner Avenue in Aurora.

Detectives continue to investigate the circumstances of the shooting, but at this time believe the incident does not appear to be random in nature. Anyone with information about the shooting is asked to call the Aurora Police Department's Investigative Division at [630-256-5500](tel:630-256-5500) or call Crime Stoppers at [630-892-1000](tel:630-892-1000) to remain anonymous.

Crime Stoppers offers cash rewards up to \$5,000 and anonymity to citizens who furnish information leading to the arrest of felony crime offenders and the capture of felony fugitives.

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(Previous News Release issued on February 8th, 2020 below)

AURORA POLICE INVESTIGATING FATAL SHOOTING OF 20-YEAR-OLD MAN

[AURORA, Ill. – February 8, 2020]: Aurora Police are investigating the fatal shooting of a 20-year-old man on the city's South East Side late Friday night.

Just before midnight, officers were dispatched to a report of a person shot at an apartment in the 400 block of Sherman Ave. When officers arrived, they found a 20-year-old man suffering from a gunshot wound to his chest. Aurora Fire Department paramedics transported the man to an area hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Detectives from Aurora Police's Investigation's Division responded to the scene to begin conducting an investigation. Officers canvassed the area looking for witnesses and information about the shooting. APD's crime lab and evidence technicians also responded to the scene to identify and collect forensic evidence from the shooting.

The crime does not appear to be random in nature.

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