

20-Year-Old Man Killed in Shooting In Cherryland

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A 20-year-old Cherryland man was killed in a shooting Monday night near his home that was originally thought to been a drive-by, but was soon discovered to have been committed by an acquaintance.

Sheriff's deputies found the man dead from his injuries when they arrived on the scene on the 400 block of Bartlett Avenue in Cherryland at about 9:30 p.m. on Labor Day, according to Sgt. J.D. Nelson of the Alameda County Sheriff's department.

The murder took place in a residential area just a few yards from Royal Sunset High School, a church, and a preschool.

The coroner's office hasn't released the identity of the man who was killed, pending the notification of his family, Nelson said.

Initially, witnesses said that someone riding in a car came by the man's home where he was standing outside with a group of friends and opened fire. But that scenario "went out the window pretty quickly," Nelson said.

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Investigators now think that someone who knew the victim shot him after an argument. There were several people at the victim's home and many of the witness ran away from the scene before authorities could arrive to interview them, Nelson said.

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