

MEDIA RELEASE

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Date: December 13th, 2015

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Type of Incident: Homicide Investigation

Date of incident: December 16th, 2015

Location of incident: Bartlett Street / Main Street

15-24811

(Update – Zornes Arrested)

On December 13th, 2015, at about 2:15 a.m., Medford Police officers were dispatched to a report of a shooting on Bartlett Street, just north of Main Street. Upon our arrival, citizens were giving first aid to the victim, who was lying in the street. Medical personnel arrived and determined the victim was deceased. The victim sustained a gunshot wound to the upper torso.

Several Medford Police detectives were summoned to the scene, as well as a Jackson County Medical Examiner and the District Attorney.

There were multiple witnesses to the shooting. The initial investigation indicates that the victim was walking with his friends when they encountered a group of three Hispanic male adults. After some conversation, one of the Hispanic males produced a handgun and shot the victim in the chest. The three suspects then ran in an eastbound direction and were last seen in the area of Riverside Avenue and 8th Street. The suspects' descriptions vary, but they are described as all wearing dark clothing, with the shooter wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt.

It is not known if the shooting is gang related. The victim's identity is not being disclosed, pending notification of next of kin. Bartlett Street,

between Main Street and Middleford Alley is currently closed, but should be back open later today.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Medford Police at 770-4783.

Update – Victim Identified

Next of kin have been notified and the victim is identified as:

**Deleon, Isaac, 27 years old
Resident of Central Point, Oregon**

Update December 15, 2015 – 3:00 p.m.

Detectives have been able to identify all three of the suspects in this case. Two of the suspects have been interviewed and the third remains outstanding.

Detectives located video surveillance in the downtown area capturing the three suspects both prior to and after the homicide. Detectives were able to identify all of the subjects. Two were located and interviewed. They have not been charged with crime.

The investigation has identified the outstanding suspect as Shane Anthony Zornes, 25 years old, who goes by the nickname, “Scarface.” Zornes is believed to be the shooter in the homicide. Zornes is from the Spokane, Washington, area and has no local police contacts.

On December 14th, at around noon, Detectives learned that Zornes was staying at the Motel 6 on Biddle Road. However, by the time police arrived, they had just missed him. While canvassing the area, police located a witness who advised a subject matching Zornes’ description had tried to sell him two handguns. This occurred in the parking lot of Witham’s Restaurant. Police searched the area extensively but could not locate Zornes.

Arrest warrants have been issued for Zornes and he remains outstanding. He should be considered armed and dangerous. Police believe he has very limited resources here in Medford and may be approaching strangers to get a ride, use their phone, and sell his guns. We believe he may be trying to get back to Washington. Police are looking to talk to anyone who has contact with Zornes.

Zornes was last seen wearing a black beanie, black hooded jacket, black gloves and blue jeans. He had the same facial hair as the photo and also has a noticeable scar above his left eye.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Zornes should call 911.

The investigation does not indicate any gang ties. The case will be presented to a Grand Jury later today.

Suspect:

Zornes, Shane Anthony, aka "Scarface"
25 years old
5'11" 200 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes
Multiple tattoos, noticeable scar above left eye

Update – December 16, 2015. Accomplice Arrested.

Approximately 30 minutes after the homicide was first reported, a Medford Police officer responded to a report of a suspicious subject walking in the area of Crater Lake Avenue and Bennett Street. The caller believed the subject could be involved in the homicide based on description.

The officer contacted male and found him to be Ruben Escareno Marmolejo, 30 years old. He had a warrant for his arrest, out of the state of Washington. He was arrested without incident. He was questioned about his possible involvement in the homicide and ultimately lodged in jail on the warrant only.

Further investigation revealed that Marmolejo was with Zornes at the time of shooting and police believe that he not only conspired with Zornes to shoot Deleon, but also directed him to do it. Police also determine that Marmolejo and Zornes travelled from Washington to Oregon together.

Today, charges were added to Marmolejo, who was still in custody on the Washington warrant.

At this point, the investigation has failed to reveal any criminal culpability on the third subject who was with Zornes and Marmolejo. He was interviewed and released.

Suspect:

Marmolejo, Ruben Escareno
30 years old
Resident of Spokane, Washington

Charges:

- **Murder**
 - **Solicitation to Commit Murder**
 - **Conspiracy to Commit Murder**
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Update – December 16th, 2015 at 1430 hours.

Zornes arrested.

The Medford Police Department sent two MPD detectives to Spokane, Washington, to assist in locating Shane Zornes. Their investigation took them to the small town of Rosalia, which is outside Spokane. With the assistance of several other law enforcement officers, they surrounded the house in question and called him out. Zornes came out of the house and surrendered to officers. He was taken into custody without incident. He will be extradited back to Oregon to face charges.