Howard Freshman Injured in DC Shooting

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Morehouse student shot in recent Atlanta robbery

A Howard University freshman remains hospitalized after he was shot in the 700 block of Gresham Place early Monday, Oct. 13.

Darius Butler was taken to the nearby Washington Hospital Center for treatment of his injuries and remained in stable condition Friday.

Butler is an accounting major and native of D.C.

According to a Howard Campus Police Department safety alert, several Howard students were walking in the 700 block of Gresham Place when confronted by an armed gunman.

The students began to run away from the armed gunman at which time several gunshots were heard. Butler was struck by gunfire and transported to the hospital.

" He was just in the wrong place at the wrong time. At one point he was listed in critical condition, but he is stable now, " said freshman Darryl Banks, a friend of the victim.

Metro Police Department is still investigating the shooting incident that took place five days ago. The suspect is described as a black male, 5'9", dark complexion, shoulder length dreads. He was wearing a black jacket, blue jeans and armed with a gun.

Anyone with information on this case should contact the Campus Police Department at 202-806-4747 or the Metropolitan Police Department 3rd District at 202-673-6815.

The Hilltop left messages with campus police's chief investigator Loraine Kittrell and was unable to get further details of Bulter's conditions. Morehouse IncidentA Morehouse College student was robbed and shot in the hand at 1:30 am Thursday, Oct. 16, according to a news release from Spelman College's Director of Public Safety. The student has been treated for his injuries and the police are investigating the crime.

According to Public Safety Director Steve Bowser, at approximately 1:30 a.m., a Morehouse College student was robbed and shot in the hand on Euhrlee St. between Parsons and Fair St. The student was treated for non-life threatening injuries and no additional information is available regarding his condition at this time.

"This incident was reported to and is being investigated by the Atlanta Police Department in cooperation with Morehouse College police," the news release stated. "The suspects in this incident are identified as four males in a dark blue SUV with no physical descriptions available at this time."

Bowser's statement also said there had been "a rash of robberies and other criminal activities taking place" in the area of the Atlanta University Center, which includes Spelman, Morehouse, Clark Atlanta and the Morris Brown campuses.

The press release also stated that the robberies are occurring during both day and night time hours with no identifiable pattern and that three people have been arrested.

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