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More details emerge in Friday night shooting; suspect still at large

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HESPERIA - Authorities have released more information on the shooting that left a man injured Friday and have asked for the public's help in finding the suspect responsible.

The incident, which occurred at 7:25 p.m. at the intersection of I and Danbury avenues, was initially reported as a drive-by shooting at the Circle K store located at the intersection. Sheriff's officials on scene were tight-lipped on details, but confirmed a man was shot.

Hesperia Sheriff's Station officials said Tuesday that the victim, identified as Juan Gutierrez, 48, was engaged in a road rage incident with the suspect near I Avenue and Main Street. Both parties drove south on I Avenue to the Circle K at the intersection, where Gutierrez stopped and exited his vehicle to make contact with the suspect.

The suspect then brandished a gun and fired multiple times at Gutierrez, authorities said, before immediately fleeing the scene.

San Bernardino County Fire Department spokesman Ryan Vaccaro said the man suffered from two gunshot wounds. His wounds were non-life-threatening, Vaccaro said, and he was transported by ground ambulance to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center.

The suspect was described by Gutierrez as a white man, approximately 5-foot-6 and 220 pounds, with short hair and a goatee. He was last seen wearing dark clothing and fled in a dark-colored SUV type vehicle headed east on Danbury Avenue, authorities said.

Authorities shut down the intersection and a section of I Avenue between Bangor Street and Danbury Avenue for about an hour to investigate the scene. As of Tuesday evening, the suspect remains at large.

Anyone with information about this incident or possible suspect information is urged to contact Hesperia Sheriff's station at 760-947-1500 or Sheriff's Dispatch at 760-956-5001. Those wishing to remain anonymous can contact the We-Tip Hotline at 1-800-782-7463 or online at www.wetip.com.

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Memorial service for San Bernardino County fire chief's son urges 'Love Like Dawson'

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San Bernardino County Fire Chief Mark A. Hartwig speaks about his 20-year-old son, Dawson, as immediate family stand nearby Tuesday during a memorial service for the young man in Fontana. Family and friends of Dawson Hartwig celebrated his life during the service at Water of Life Church in Fontana. WILL LESTER — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Family and friends of 20-year-old Dawson Hartwig celebrated his life during a memorial service Tuesday at Water of Life Church in Fontana. Hartwig is the son of San Bernardino County Fire Chief Mark A. Hartwig. WILL LESTER — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

FONTANA >> The message of Dawson Hartwig's memorial service was consistent and clear: Love like Dawson.

That was the message of Dawson's life, until the 20-year-old son of **San Bernardino County Fire Chief Mark Hartwig** was found dead Jan. 29, said family, friends and the pastor who has known the family for years.

And, they all agreed Tuesday, it was still the lesson.

Nearly 3,000 people, including scores of firefighters and dignitaries, gathered at Water of Life Community Church in Fontana, the same church the Hartwig family faithfully attends.

Faith played prominently in the service and, they said, in how Dawson loved.

“To love like Dawson is to love like Jesus,” said his sister Noelle. “Through this, I see that Jesus is bringing us to love like him, and I love that.”

Six Hartwig family members as well as Dawson’s best friend and his girlfriend gave tributes. All of them said they’ll miss the loving, funny man but they had faith that he was in heaven and that his unexpected death was an opportunity to spread love.

Dawson’s loving spirit was obvious from infancy, said his father, Mark Hartwig.

He smiled and hugged abundantly as soon as he was able, and as a young child would skip around the house carrying a doll named after his younger brother, Hartwig said.

“As he grew, his love was less perceptible — probably because it was less acceptable,” Hartwig said. “But it was more powerful.”

His girlfriend, Maddie Perry, described his love similarly.

She remembers the moment she met him eight years ago at a church camp, knowing immediately that she would “date the heck out of him.” She later did just that.

“It was a goofy, patient, best friend kind of love — the kind most people look for their whole life,” she said.

A third-year student pursuing a sports marketing degree at California Baptist University and Riverside Community College, Dawson was a varsity water polo player at Etiwanda High School. His No. 3 swim cap will be retired, according to the program distributed at the service.

He was active, playing basketball, skateboarding and playing guitar, with photos and videos of all of those played Tuesday at the funeral service.

He also was consciously trying to deepen his Christian faith, and was reading a book on the subject, said his mother, Holly.

He had signed up to go on a mission to Thailand this summer, according to Pastor Dan Carroll of Water of Life Church, who asked that anyone moved to donate in his memory give to Water of Life with “Global Outreach” in the memo section.

Some might not share the family’s faith or be skeptical he was as overwhelmingly loving as the tributes described him, but they shouldn’t, Carroll said.

“I’ve done, unfortunately, 100 or 200 services like these, and I’ve never heard someone described so consistently like this,” Carroll said.

The “Love Like Dawson” message began to spread hours after Dawson’s body was pulled from Lake Arrowhead early Jan. 29. He had been reported missing the day before, triggering a search involving at least a hundred deputies and volunteers.

Mark Hartwig included a Twitter post with the hashtag #LoveLikeDawson that day, and a Facebook group by that name started soon after. More than 3,100 people liked the group as of Tuesday afternoon.

A group of friends even wrote the phrase with string on a Milliken Avenue overpass fence over the 210 Freeway in Rancho Cucamonga, the family's hometown.

That would be the family's challenge, said Mark Hartwig, who said he always preferred to be identified as a husband and father rather than the county fire chief.

"Love is a choice, and the Hartwigs choose to love," he said. "We will love more, we will love more deeply. ... I love you, son."

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Fire tears through mobile home in Phelan late Tuesday

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PHELAN - Firefighters extinguished a blaze that tore through a mobile home late Tuesday night, authorities said.

Reports of a house on fire in the 12800 block of Hacienda Road were received at 8:53 p.m. Tuesday. **San Bernardino County Fire Department** spokesman Eric Sherwin said the caller reported that flames were coming from the home.

Firefighters arrived within minutes and found a mobile home fully engulfed in flames, Sherwin said.

Several County Fire personnel, including 4 medic engines, and a medic engine from CalFire combated the flames. The blaze was extinguished in about 20 minutes, Sherwin said.

The home appeared to be unoccupied when the blaze occurred. No injuries have yet been reported.

The cause of the blaze remains under investigation. This story is developing and more information will be updated as it is received.

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