

Minneapolis police shoot, wound man armed with handgun

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A Minneapolis police officer shot and wounded a man who emerged from a car carrying a gun in a north Minneapolis neighborhood around noon Wednesday, police said.

The man, whose name wasn't released, was taken to North Memorial Medical Center in Robbinsdale with non-life-threatening injuries, police said. The officers at the scene were placed on a routine administrative leave while police investigate.

Police said they were responding to a disturbance call on the 2200 block of N. 4th St. and found four men sitting in a car and questioned them. When officers asked the men to get out of the car, three complied and one in the back seat hesitated, even after police shouted at him to get out, police said. When he came out, officer Paul Gillies saw him carrying a handgun and yelled "gun" to warn officer Cheryl Kassa. The man did not drop his weapon, and Gillies fired, police said.

Sgt. Medaria Arradondo said it was unknown Wednesday whether officers had told the man to drop his gun.

The man was hit at least twice, including once in the arm, police Inspector Tim

Dolan said. Police said they found a second gun in the group. It was unclear whether anyone in the car had fired.

Tyrone Union, who said he was the wounded man's cousin, said he was watching from a house on the block and saw his cousin tell officers about the gun and then put it on the ground in front of him. The officer fired anyway, he said.

Union also said there was no reason for officers to approach the car.

"He was minding his own business, sitting in the car," Union said. He said he didn't know why the men were in the car, however.

Police Chief Robert Olson went to the scene in the Hawthorne neighborhood, where Union and about a dozen others stood by.

Olson lauded the neighborhood resident who called police.

"What are these four guys and two guns, what are they up to in this neighborhood at 12 noon?" Olson asked.

"You just don't come out of cars carrying guns on police officers," Olson said.

He said the three others in the car were taken in for questioning and released.

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