

Police kill Detroit in stabbing incident

Detroit police shot and killed a 43-year-old east side man yesterday after the man stabbed two people, including a police officer, according to police officials.

Dead is Oscar Lee Benson. The two persons stabbed were treated at local hospitals and released.

According to police, Benson apparently had been waving a knife and a hammer at a crowd of people in front of the Parkside Supermarket, 12503 East Warren.

Police officers Walter Cushard, 37, and Michael Kenley, 30, both of the Tactical Services Section, were on patrol at about 7:40 p.m. when they noticed a police squad car parked near a crowd, police said.

Cushard and Kenley stopped to investigate and possibly offer assistance to the other squad car, police said.

The officers said that Benson rushed past Cushard and began stabbing Albert Stevenson, 28, of Detroit. Stevenson, who received head and facial injuries, was treated and released from Detroit General Hospital.

Police said Cushard ordered Benson to drop his weapons but Benson slashed at Cushard, inflicting a hand wound. Cushard and Kenley then fired several shots at Benson, police said.

Benson died of multiple gunshot wounds of the face, chest and neck at 8:45 p.m. in Detroit General Hospital. Cushard was treated and released from St. John Hospital.

Police, who are investigating, said it appeared that Benson had earlier been involved in an argument, possibly over a woman. Police said Benson, however, apparently did not know Stevenson.

Cushard and Kenley have been relieved of duty pending a routine police board of inquiry.