

# Detroit police kill intruder wielding rifle

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Police shot and killed a rifle-carrying man this morning after he had forced his way onto a porch on the near northwest side of Detroit, shouting: "They're after me."

Police identified the man as J. C. Ealey Jr., 34, of 6324 Beechwood. He was taken to Ford Hospital, where he died at 9:10 a.m. of multiple chest wounds.

Police said they received a call about 7 a.m., reporting a gunman on the porch of 5251 Seebaldt, in the Tireman-Grand River area.

Sixth Precinct Commander Philip Aerrola, who was on his way to work, heard the police radio report in his car and responded to the run with Officer Patrick Fitzgerald.

They entered the house from the rear as residents of the home fled.

When the officers opened the door to a glass-enclosed front porch, Ealey pointed his .22-caliber rifle at them, they said. They said they fired several shots, hitting him in the chest.

The house is occupied by the family of George and Mildred Patterson. Alone in the home were the couple's two daughters, Neeka, 18, and Reba, 11.

Neeka Patterson said Ealey, carrying the rifle, came from between houses saying, "They're after me! Somebody's after me!" and took cover on the Patterson's enclosed porch.

A relative told police that Ealey was unemployed and had a drinking problem, officers said.