

He felt family was harassed

Police kill teen who came gunning for them

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Mark Thomas, 15, got himself a rifle Thursday and went out to get himself some cops. He said he didn't like the way the cops were bugging his family

The cops got him instead.

The police said they had no way out. Three times, they said, they ordered Mark to drop the sawed-off .22-caliber rifle.

Instead, they said, he raised it to his shoulder, as if to fire.

FIVE SHOTS from police service revolvers answered the raising of the rifle.

One shot struck Mark in the right side. He died in the emergency room of Mt. Carmel Hospital, Detroit.

Mark's family said he believed the police were harassing his family. That, the family said, caused the confrontation at 10:49 p.m. Thursday on Warren near Stout on Detroit's near northwest side.

Mark never fired the rifle. His mother insisted yesterday the rifle had no firing pin.

Mark's family said he was "depressed" and "mad" over what he saw as police harassment of his family, and especially of his younger brother, Brian, 13.

At 3:30 a.m. Wednesday, the family said, four of the five Thomas children were ordered to stand in line outside the family home at 7273 Braile.

MARK'S MOTHER, Mrs. Sandra Thomas, said:

"There was a B&E (breaking and entering) three doors down and the tracking dogs brought them to my house.



MARK THOMAS: Struck by one of five shots.

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