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Party Goer Gunned Down Trying to Stop a Fight

The Joseph family of North Miami Beach was very happy to celebrate the pending Baptism of their 5 month old male godchild at their home on Saturday night, December 4th, when a large group of uninvited guests showed up at their home at 15880 NE 15 Avenue. Apparently someone had posted the pre-baptism party on the social media site call TAGGED.

Once the word of the party got out to people monitoring the TAGGED site, many people that had no ties to the family party began to show up at the home. While the Joseph family had planned to serve food to only their invited guests, the crowd of uninvited guests began to grow and show up at the home throughout the night. The availability of food and the lack proper utensils resulted in an argument between one of the uninvited guests and a kitchen helper that was handing out the food. Because the homeowner realized the potential for violence involving the large crowd of uninvited guests, the homeowner decide to close down the party and told everyone to leave.

During this time, the argument that was taking place inside the house escalated as everyone moved out into the street. It was at this point that 4 to 5 females began to physically fight with one of the male party goers. The victim, 21 year old Wilson Alexis, tried to intervene and stop the fight, and at some point, 2 shots were fired by an unknown assailant with one of the shots striking Alexis. Alexis was transported to Jackson Trauma Center where he later died.

At the time of the shooting the crowd was estimated at between 80 to 100 people, most of them were uninvited guests as a result of the TAGGED posting.

Police were originally dispatched to the residence at 4:07 AM on January 5th regarding a fight in the street, and while enroute, the call escalated into a shooting. When the police arrived at the chaotic scene, the crowd began to scatter. Police were only able to confine approximately 18 to 20 of the estimated 100 party goers.

Due to the number of party goers that fled the scene, police feel that some of them must have information on what happened and who was responsible for the shooting. As a result, the police are asking for their help or any other persons help in possibly identifying the shooter. If you have information on this case, please contact the North Miami Beach Police Department at 305-NMB-POLICE. If you choose, the information can be reported anonymously to Crime Stoppers.

For more information on this case, please contact Detective Cora Mann at 305-949-5500.

VICTIM WILSON ALEXIS



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