

# Teen chaos follows after-school gunfire

FEDERAL WAY, Wash. — Two high schools in a south Seattle suburb were closed after a 16-year-old boy was wounded Monday in an after-school shooting that apparently involved a simmering conflict between two groups of teens, authorities said.

The shooting occurred near Federal Way High School. That school and Thomas Jefferson High School were ordered to be closed Tuesday, said Tom Murphy, Federal Way schools superintendent.

In Monday's incident, a white Ford Mustang deliberately rear-ended one of two cars of teens going to play basketball, Federal Way police spokesman Brett Hatfield said. The Mustang occupants fired as many as four shots, wounding a teen who had been in the rear-ended car.

That youth, who was not identified, was hit in the right ankle. He was listed in satisfactory condition at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle.

Police were looking for two suspects in the Mustang, which fled the scene. Hatfield said police had "some pretty strong leads."

Police said the shooting sprang from "an ongoing conflict between two groups."

A dispute at a prep basketball

game last Friday night had apparently raised tensions at the schools, Murphy said. Police did not specify the nature of the conflict they believed led to the shooting.

The shooting happened at about 2:30 p.m. about two blocks from Federal Way High.

The first police officer on the scene, a Federal Way police school resource officer who heard the shots, reported finding 30-50 students fighting in the street. Several students pushed up to him, demanding police action. The officer pepper-sprayed several students because he felt threatened, Hatfield said. The officer was not immediately identified.

Although students who ride the bus had already left for the day, police asked the schools to keep other students locked inside. They were later released about 3 p.m., schools spokeswoman Diane Turner said.

Superintendent Murphy said school officials and police would meet Tuesday and decide whether it was safe to reopen the schools Wednesday.

Counseling was to be available Tuesday — off campus — for students and parents who wished it, Murphy said.

The Associated Press

# Second student found after kayaking mishap

BELLINGHAM, Wash. (AP) — A body found near Lummi Island is that of a second University of Washington student who died on a kayaking trip, the Whatcom County medical examiner's office said Monday.

The body, found Sunday by a pleasure boater, was identified as that of Grant Tyler, 22, of Billings, Mont. The medical examiner's office said he had drowned.

The Coast Guard, the Navy, the San Juan County Sheriff's Office and the Canadian Coast Guard have been searching for Tyler since the body of his kayaking companion, Stephen Buergey, 20, was found Saturday by a boater near James Is-

land, on the southeast side of the San Juan Island chain. The search for the pair began Friday morning, after a waterproof bag containing their identification washed ashore.

The men, described as experienced kayakers, left Lummi Island northeast of the San Juans in a two-person kayak on Wednesday. They planned to visit Patos Island before returning to Lummi on Saturday.

Fifteen-knot winds and 2- to 4-foot seas were reported in the area Friday night.

"Those weather conditions were relatively mild," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Tiffany Powell. "Anything could have happened."

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