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Man shoots, kills alleged aggressor late Tuesday

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A 43-year-old Eugene man was fatally shot Tuesday evening near the University's Westmoreland Housing complex, resulting in street closures that limited travel in the area until the early morning hours.

The Eugene Police Department has not released the names of the victim or the shooter, but EPD spokeswoman Pam Olshanski said the shooting occurred when a 48-year-old Eugene resident encountered a 43-year-old man who had just allegedly assaulted a woman.

The 48-year-old man's 13-year-old daughter was walking her dog near West 13th Avenue and Garfield Street when she heard a woman screaming for her to call the police. The girl notified police and her father, the alleged shooter, who went to the location to look for the woman and wait for police to arrive, according to EPD reports. The unseen female calling for help had fled the scene, but police said the father, while waiting, encountered the 43-year-old man who allegedly assaulted the woman.

Olshanski said she could not give details of what happened next, but a confrontation between the men, who were both armed with handguns, left the 43-year-old dead.

Police put up road blocks when they arrived on the scene around 6 p.m., restricting traffic between West 12th Avenue, West 13th Avenue, Garfield Street and Arthur Street.

Westmoreland Housing Area Director Frank Gaddini said he was at the apartment complex Tuesday evening but did not hear any gunshots. He later heard sirens but didn't find any traffic delays when he left the office to go home.

Erin Jackson, who lives at Westmoreland, said she saw a roadblock while driving south on Garfield Street. She said she didn't hear about the shooting until Wednesday.

EPD took the shooter into custody for questioning. No arrests had been made as of Wednesday.

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Car strikes pedestrian on campus



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James Klonoski, a retired University political science professor, hit a pedestrian on 18th Avenue near University Street at about 6 p.m. Wednesday. The impact damaged the bumper and the windshield. The condition of the pedestrian, who was taken to Sacred Heart Medical Center, is unknown.

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A college-age woman was struck by a car Wednesday evening while trying to cross East 18th Avenue near University Street and was taken to Sacred Heart Medical Center. Her condition was unknown as of late Wednesday night.

Retired University political science professor James Klonoski said he was driving west on East 18th Avenue with his son Zach, a University sophomore, when his Toyota Camry struck the woman, whose name had not been released by the Eugene Police Department as of press time.

"She exited the sidewalk and got hit by a car," EPD officer Sean Hughes said. "Apparently, it happened in heavy traffic."

Zach Klonoski said he and his father couldn't see the woman because she was standing very still in the middle of a dark stretch of road.



"I have 20/20 vision and couldn't see her," the student said. "I would have hit her too."

Eugene police responded to the accident around 6 p.m. and said the victim's condition did not appear to be critical.

"I don't think it's anything critical," Hughes said. "Otherwise we'd be doing a lot more investigating."

Police said judging from witness reports, it didn't appear Klonoski was speeding or driving recklessly.

"At this point, it doesn't seem like he was doing anything wrong," Hughes said. "We'll try to determine who was at fault after we talk to (the victim)."

Police will likely cite whoever was at fault for the accident after speaking with the victim — who witnesses described as being around 20 years old — and after completing the investigation, Hughes said.

Klonoski said he was shaken by the accident but was more worried about the victim.

"I worry more about her," Klonoski said. "She's the one who's suffering from it all."

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Freshman seminar addresses culture, communication

'Breaking Barriers' teaches international students how to better interact across cultures and prepare for a global workplace

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There's something different about the students in this specific freshman class.

First, a quick survey of the room reveals that about half the class is non-white. Along with pencil, paper and a coursebook, many of the students have portable electronic translators. No one is too intimidated to participate in a class discussion.

Magid Shirzadegan, director of International Programs, is the instructor of the class, but at moments it's hard to tell because the students seem to learn just as much from each other as they do from him.

The class, called "Breaking Barriers," is no ordinary freshman class — it's a freshman seminar designed by Shirzadegan to facilitate "intercultural communication." He has taught this and similar courses for the past 12 years.

Shirzadegan hand-picked the students in the class to achieve an almost one-to-one ratio of

international to domestic students.

"When you're talking about diversity, you need to have it present in the classroom," he said.

While the class focuses on communication, Shirzadegan said students will spend about half the class examining their own values and culture.

"The better we know ourselves, the better we can communicate," he said.

Some of the values discussed are much more complex than they originally appear. On this day, the class starts with something simple: being on time.

In the United States, the culture generally dictates that people be on time, freshman Becky Brown said.

"In our culture, we're always thinking about what we're doing next," she said in class.

Shirzadegan, originally from Iran, said many Middle Eastern cultures have a completely



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Magid Shirzadegan, director of International Programs, heads the freshman seminar "Breaking Barriers."

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