

Teenager Slain at Holgate Transit

The Holgate Transit Station located on the 9300 block of Southeast Holgate Boulevard became the site of demise for one Portland teenager.

Police said the body of 15-year-old Abukar Madey was found sprawled on the steps of the transit center on Friday at 11:56 p.m., dead with a bullet wound to the head.

The Franklin High School freshman was about 4 1/2

blocks from home. Police say a man identified as Lucio Alejandro Ramirez-Navarro, 22, is suspected in Madey's death.

Ramirez was located by police just minutes after the shooting and blocks away from the incident. He was found to be injured from a gunshot wound. He was transferred to an area hospital, where he currently remains. No arrests have been made.

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says she set up her Kenton neighborhood dance center as a "fluke." Her husband, who was raised in Portland, hipped her to the availability of the space at 2017 N. Kilpatrick, a location she has grown to love along with the local residents.

"I coulda put it anywhere, but for some reason this place kept haunting me," she says.

Shannon says the joy that she gets from her kids is much the same as the students she's encountered across the globe. See loves seeing her pupils improve.

"If it's a troubled child, hopefully I'm using the dance element to get through to them, but I'm also working on improving their personalities, improving their character. That's what the art is, it develops your personality, it develops the human being," she says.

Shannon admits she does struggle to get enough students to make her dance studio a successful venture.

"People say that they are gonna come, and we've given out flyers," she laments.

When Shannon first opened her doors, she had 15 teachers versed in nearly every genre of dance offering two free days of dance to the public. Nearly 100 people took advantage. But when it came time for the people to start paying, the numbers fell dramatically.

With jazz, ballet, tap, and hip-hop classes in her arsenal she knows her studio provides an affordable service at an accessible location.

"I opened up so that we can get the African-American kids, and not only them, but kids who can't afford the arts and aren't getting it in school," say says. "I'm also trying to bring fitness back to the community."

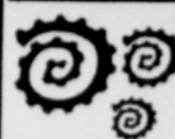
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