

Hunt continues for suspects who shot and injured five Cleveland teens and shot and killed 12-year old by

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Fatal shooting victim Abdel Bashiti of Parma, a bystander killed on Friday, Nov. 24 in Cleveland by a suspect who remains at large, and community activist Art McKoy, who says the killings of teens in the city of Cleveland will continue as long as "the city remains divided."

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CLEVELAND URBAN NEWS.COM-CLEVELAND, Ohio- Suspects that shot and injured five teens and killed a twelve-year-old bystander Friday night, Nov 24, in Cleveland remain at large as police continue the hunt for the now infamous shooters.

The tragic shooting quickly made national news.

Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson, the city's three-term Black mayor who campaigned for reelection this year on improving safety, among other campaign platform initiatives, said Friday that police have no suspects.

The twelve-year-old killed, Abdel Bashiti of Parma, a Cleveland suburb, was the son of a 40-year-old Arab-American store owner of a beauty supply store dubbed #1 Beauthy Supply and Linen that is stationed at East 116th and Buckeye Avenue on the city's majority Black east side.

Bashiti and his father reportedly went outside the store after hearing gunshots and the teen was shot in the torso and killed, possibly with a stray bullet, though the incident remains under investigation, police said Friday.

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Another youth, of the five teens who were shot and injured, and aside from the teen who was murdered, is in critical condition at an area hospital, his mother saying Saturday that all she can do is pray and wait.

Cleveland is ranked by Forbes Magazine as the 9th most dangerous city in the country, the top other cities, ranked in order from first to eighth place, being Detroit, St Louis, Oakland, Memphis, Birmingham, Atlanta, Baltimore, and Stockton, California.

Buffalo, New York came in 10th place.

In the wake of the shooting Ward 6 Councilman Blaine Griffin, area activists groups, led by the grassroots groups Peace in the Hood, Black on Black Crime and the Oppressed People's Nation, held a stop the violence rally Friday night at the scene of the deadly shooting to mourn the loss of Bashiti and to call for calm.

"This violence against our youth has got to stop," Black on Black founder and longtime community activist Art McKoy told Clevelandurbannews.com and Kathywraycolemanonline.wsblog.com, Ohio's most read Black digital newspaper and Black blog.

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"My concern is that the kids are divided because the community is divided and as long as we have a divided community we will have teenagers killing each other," said McKoy.

Activist Alfred Porter Jr., president of Black on Black Crime Inc, said he is saddened by the shooting and the killing of Bashiti, and that activists will remain in the trenches on the issue.

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