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SOUTHSIDE SHOOTING







POLICE SEEK ANSWERS IN DEADLY SHOOTING

TEEN: Witness says 18-year-old drew gun, scuffled with patrolmen

OFFICERS: One man recovering after surgery, second treated



WISH-CHANNEL 8 PHOTOS AND STAFF PHOTOS BY SARAH LIPPS, JENNY PORTER AND JOSHUA MARSHALL

Top: Three people — two Greenwood police officers and an 18-year-old Indianapolis man — were shot during a gunfight Wednesday at a McDonald's restaurant at County

Line Road and Madison Avenue on the southside. The 18-year-old, Kyle Collins, was killed. Above: Business went on at the fast-food restaurant Thursday.

Gunfight in restaurant parking lot follows traffic stop



were injured in a

"No police

officer wants

to shoot

someone.

That's the last

thing they

want to do."

Andy Anderson

Law enforcement

academy instructor

shootout Wednesday.

above, was killed and Greenwood police officers Jay Arnold, top right, and Eric McElhaney, right,



By Annie Goeller DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

Two wounded police officers yelled for someone to call 911 as they shot and killed an Indianapolis teen who had fired at them, authorities said.

Police don't know why Kyle Collins, 18, shot at Greenwood officers Jay Arnold and Eric McElhaney, sending McElhaney into surgery for hours Thursday.

The officers were shot before they ever had to chance to pull out their guns in the incident late Wednesday night, police said. The three struggled after the teen

pulled a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun. A witness said the officers and Collins rammed into his car, possibly denting the fender, before falling to the ground. The officers did not have their guns drawn when they

went to the ground, the witness told police. He couldn't see the officers anymore

when shots rang out seconds later. Collins' decision to pull out his weapon set up an encounter between the two officers, one a noted marksman, and a college

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student who was kicked out of a local vocational training center a year ago after he was found with a bullet and marijuana.

Officers suspected Collins and the driver of the vehicle had been drinking when they stopped them late Wednesday night. The teen received multiple gunshot wounds and was dead at the scene. Both officers are expected to recover.

McElhaney's surgery to repair internal injuries caused by gunshot wounds to his

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Firearms incidents marked by split-second decisions

By Annie Goeller DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

One, two, three.

That's all the time a gunfight usually lasts, leaving a police officer with less than a second to decide how to respond. Officers are trained to draw their

guns only when they believe their life or someone else's life is in danger. When officers fire, they aren't aiming to kill, said Lt. Andy Anderson, an instructor at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield.

But each gunfight is different, and instructors can't give officers a list of specific incidents where they should draw their guns and shoot,

"A gunfight is like a fingerprint. They're all unique," he said.

Gunfights usually last two to three seconds, and it takes at least a quarter-second for any officer's brain to process the situation and understand what is happening, he said. That leaves little time to decide what to do next, he said.

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Greenwood Police Chief Joe Pitcher talks about a police shooting that killed an 18-year-old Indianapolis man late Wednesday night.

You gotta draw the line somewhere, schools say

By Sarah Lipps DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

The lines that divide several Johnson County school districts

are in dispute. Superintendents are hashing out plans to redraw the boundaries. and the compromise could shift some homes to a different district.

But students who already attend school in one district will not have to finish their education somewhere else if their homes are redistricted, officials said.

Greenwood, Center Grove and Clark-Pleasant school districts have boundary issues that need to be resolved, Johnson County Clerk Jill Jackson said.

Before the most recent elec-

tion, she was surprised to find that, in three areas, homes that appeared to be in one school district weren't. In some cases, the homeowners had been given the opportunity to choose which school their children would go to when they bought their home.

Jackson asked them to fix the problem areas: in the Barrington Estates and Glen Oak Commons

neighborhoods and near the Valle Vista Golf Course.

The issues need to be cleared up before the next school board election, she said.

At stake are where children will go to school when new families move into the homes, what district homeowners will pay taxes to and which school board races residents would vote in.

Families in 12 homes in Barrington Estates and six in Glen Oak Commons had the opportunity to pick between Center Grove and Greenwood, Jackson discovered last fall.

Greenwood school officials began in October to sort out where the boundaries would lie

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