



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**Incident Location: 1500 block of Hunter Urbana, IL**  
**Date/Time of Information Release: Aug. 17th, 2024 2:50 PM**  
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## HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION

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Urbana Police responded to the 1500 block of Hunter for a report of a shooting with injuries on Aug. 17th at 1:32 AM. A physical altercation occurred between a group of individuals during a party that eventually took place outside in a common courtyard. During the course of the altercation at least one person produced a firearm and fired shots. Officers located two individuals who had injuries consistent to being shot. One subject had a minor graze wound to the hand area. This victim was treated and released. Officers began providing life saving measures to a 32-year-old Urbana man, William Booker, who was shot in the leg and torso. Booker was subsequently transported to an area hospital and underwent surgery and later transferred to ICU. Early this morning around 7:08 AM, UPD learned from the Champaign County Coroners' Office that Booker succumbed to his injuries and had died.

This is an ongoing investigation being handled by the Criminal Investigations Division. Officers continue to canvass the surrounding area for witnesses and video footage that may be of investigative assistance. Any resident or business in the nearby area with exterior surveillance camera systems is encouraged to notify the police department.

Urbana Police ask that anyone who has additional information please call 217-384-2320. Arrangements can be made for information to be shared privately. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous may also submit tips to Crime Stoppers by phone at 217-373-TIPS (217-373-8477); online at [373tips.com](http://373tips.com); or the "P3 Tips" mobile app.

Community members are reminded that information submitted to Crime Stoppers is completely anonymous. Calls are routed to a third-party national call center that receives your information, completes a tip information form, and then passes the information to the appropriate law enforcement agency. Caller ID tracking is not utilized by Crime Stoppers, and conversations are not recorded.

Crime Stoppers will pay cash rewards of \$5,000 for tips that lead to an arrest in any homicide case, \$2,500 for tips leading to an arrest in a felony crime involving a firearm, and up to \$1,000 for tips leading to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for any other crime.

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