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Police Investigating Fatal Roosevelt Road Shooting

Oak Park Police are investigating an apparent drive-by shooting Tuesday night on Roosevelt Road that left one person dead and two persons wounded. None of the victims was from Oak Park.

When police responded to a report of shots fired at 10:19 p.m., they found the three victims on the sidewalk along the Oak Park side of the 6100 block of Roosevelt Road.

All three victims were taken to Loyola University Hospital in Maywood where Ismael A. Morales, 28, of Chicago was pronounced dead. Wounded in the incident were Ruben Coss, 31, and Brauloo A. Reyna, 25, both of Chicago.

“This incident is one of the law enforcement challenges of living right next door to the nation’s third largest city,” said Oak Park Police Chief Rick C. Tanksley. “The evidence gathered so far and our experience suggests whatever led to the shootings had nothing to do with Oak Park. It just happened to culminate on our side of Roosevelt Road.”

Tanksley said no witnesses to the actual shooting had come forward so far, but one did report a Hispanic male fleeing westbound on Roosevelt Road in a white, late model sport utility vehicle. Ballistic evidence was gathered at the scene and will be sent to an Illinois State Police Crime Lab for further study, he said.

Anyone with any information on the incident should contact the Oak Park Police Department at 708.386.3800.

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