

Three Men Dead In Week of Violence

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death just before midnight last Thursday in an apartment at 4412 Lane St.

Osbourne, who has lived in Dallas and Queens, N.Y., was wanted in New York City on drugs, robbery and bribery charges, Winston-Salem Police Lt. T.L. Reavis said.

Anthony Tyrone King, 19, of 222 Motor Road, Apt. 32, has been charged with two counts of murder in connection with the double shootings and was being held without bond in the Forsyth County Jail.

Mitchell's body was sent to Eastonville, Fla., where he grew up and where his mother, Melene George, resides.

"I want him to get the death penalty," George said about her son's killer. "I want to be there to pull that switch."

George, who cried uncontrollably during the telephone interview, said that the police told her that the suspect had admitted robbing Mitchell.

"It was just so senseless," she said.

Reavis said King, with Mitchell and Osbourne in tow, knocked on the door of the Lane Street house and asked Kenneth White if they could use his phone. Reavis said that while Osbourne was using the phone in a bedroom, he was shot with a semiautomatic weapon. The gunman then went into the living room and shot Mitchell.

Reavis said that he didn't know if it was a "drug deal gone bad or the guys were just killed over drugs." He said, however, that the

gunman robbed one of the victims of some marijuana. He refused to say how much was involved.

King was arrested at his home a few hours after the incident, Reavis said.

George said she learned of Mitchell's death through his girlfriend, with whom he had two children, who are 1-1/2 years old and five months old.

She said Mitchell was in his last year as a biology major at Win-

ston-Salem State University. She has another son in college and a daughter who is a college graduate.

"It was a complete shock ...," she said. "You know, you send your child off to school, you don't expect him to come home in a package."

Hours before the two men were gunned down on Aug. 25, Torre Buchan Horton, 19, of 1213 E. 12th St., Apt. A, was shot to death outside 760 Ferrell Court around 2 a.m. No arrests have been made in con-

nection with the incident, police said.

He was eulogized Saturday.

"I'm not going to rest in peace until the murderer is captured," his mother, Ernestine S. Martin, said.

Martin said that her son was shot first in the back, but that the gunman returned to shoot him in the head. She said that Horton was at the complex visiting friends and then went to a store to buy cigarettes. She said when he returned, he

sat on a bench and started talking to a woman.

A man, whom she said she knew as "Moe," got into an argument with Horton over the woman.

"Moe shot him twice! Shot him in the back ...," she said. "It was just cold-blooded to me."

"If this young man knew what he's done to us ...," she said.

No arrests have been made, but the police said they have several leads.

Martin said her son, who was known on the street as "Fat Nose," was employed by Temporary Resources and was "very much well-liked."

Martin said she has participated in a candlelight vigil sponsored by Black Men and Women Against Crime. She said she never thought the reason for such vigils would hit so close to home.

"Whose child will be next?" she asked.



Blacks

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to make sure that the needs of black children are met in the city/county school system.

"We are taking our dollars and giving them to the other guy," the East Ward alderman said. "Now I love the whites, too, but I don't love him enough to give him all we got. And that's what we're doing. Then we turn around and say they're doing it to us over there; we're doing it to ourselves."

Newell said blacks must take a more active role in ensuring a proper education for African-American youths.

"When I look at us here in Winston-Salem, how we are allowing our kids to go to schools further and further from our communities, and don't know what books they have and what they're learning from it ...," she said. "And to have a school system that's not even funding LIFT Academy — we don't know where our children are going to go to school."

She compared the African-American struggle for economic parity to that of other ethnicities.

"If the Hispanic, Jew or Asian can make it," she said, "we can make it, too."

About 100 people attended the all-day meeting, where participants explored several avenues that will be defined and discussed during the fall summit. The four areas discussed at great length were: education, criminal justice, economic development and housing.

The participants were placed in groups of 25 to discuss each topic. For example:

■ In the area of criminal justice, participants discussed possible alternatives to incarceration, such as establishing a "street academy" that would teach a trade to a young offender.

■ Along the lines of economic development, it was noted that blacks should spend more of their money with black-owned businesses.

■ Participants who discussed housing called for more affordable housing and avenues to assist residents of public-housing communities in becoming homeowners.

■ And discussion on education focused on creating groups to interact with individual schools and teachers on behalf of students whose parents are unable to do so. It would work much like the extended family concept, wherein an adult in the black community could chastise a kid for misbehaving.

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