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Six arrested after U.S. sailor stabbed, killed in downtown Halifax Saturday » November 4 » 2006

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HALIFAX (CP) - An American sailor visiting Halifax on a training exercise was killed Saturday in an early morning brawl outside a downtown nightclub.

The 28-year-old sailor was found suffering from stab wounds on a trendy street lined with bars, restaurants and shops. His name wasn't released.

Six males from the Halifax area were in custody, although police said no charges had been laid.

At around 4 a.m. local time, police responded to a fight involving about 20 people, which apparently started inside the club and spilled onto the street.

The victim was pronounced dead in hospital. Another U.S. sailor was injured, and was still in hospital Saturday night in fair condition with minor injuries to his foot.



Police forensic investigators gather evidence at the scene of a fatal stabbing in Halifax, N.S. on Saturday. (CP/Andrew Vaughan)

Officers closed off two blocks around the scene for much of the day as they investigated.

"Immediately following the incident, police were able to identify and stop a possible suspect vehicle," said police spokeswoman Theresa Brien.

Four people stayed in the vehicle and were arrested, but a fifth fled on foot. He was later caught with the help of a police dog.

Another was arrested for obstruction as officers tried to arrest the suspect who was running away.

An autopsy was to be performed Saturday.

The sailors were in Halifax aboard two American naval vessels - USS Doyle and USS Gunston Hall - for exercises with the Canadian navy.

The training began Friday and was expected to continue for several weeks.

A spokesman for the U.S. navy said the sailor's family had yet to be notified, so he couldn't release the victim's name or say which ship he was stationed on.

Cmdr. Herman Phillips said American officials would help with the investigation if they could.

"We will work with the Canadian police up in Halifax to do whatever we can," said Phillips. "Of course, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service is also going to assist as necessary."

It wasn't clear what sparked the fight or whether the sailors were targeted.

Police have recently increased patrols in the area to curb assaults and violence in the downtown core.

Last week, four men were assaulted in two separate attacks at an area known as "pizza corner," an intersection with three pizza restaurants that's a popular last stop for late-night bar patrons.

Brien said officers at pizza corner, located about a block away from the scene of the stabbing, responded to the fight within a minute of receiving the call, as did other officers nearby.

Saturday's fatal stabbing wasn't the first time a military member has been attacked in the city.

Five years ago, a 27-year-old Canadian soldier was beaten with a baseball bat outside of Canadian Forces Base Stadacona, located just north of the city's downtown.

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Woman attacked, sexually assaulted in Dartmouth park HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA |

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A late-night walk in Dartmouth turned disastrous for a woman who was jumped and sexually assaulted in a park at 3:45 a.m. Friday.

The 38-year-old woman was taken to hospital and released after the attack in Farrell Park.

"She was walking home from a friend's house," Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Jeff Carr said.

The woman was going south from Farrell Street to Albro Lake Road along a paved sidewalk that runs through the north-end park. There are houses along part of the east side of the path, but other parts are more isolated and hidden by overgrown shrubs and trees.

Some strips of yellow police tape were still left on the ground at the attack site Friday afternoon.

"He was walking on the path in the opposite direction," Const. Carr said, adding the suspect dragged her into nearby bushes. "He pushed her to the ground. She was both sexually assaulted and physically assaulted by the suspect."

The suspect is described as a stocky white man in his 40s and is about five-foot-nine. He has brown hair that is shaved on the sides, but has long bangs in the front and a bald spot on the top of his head.

He was clean shaven and wore a dark jean jacket with a grey hoody underneath and white pants. The victim further described him as having yellow teeth and a mean-looking face.

There is no indication he had a weapon.

"He was last seen walking towards the area of the Boys and Girls Club," Const. Carr said.

The victim went home afterwards and called police.

Identification specialists descended on the scene after the attack, patrol officers scoured the area and regional police/Halifax RCMP integrated major crime unit investigators took over the case later in the morning. However, police hadn't found a suspect by late Friday afternoon.

In July, police reported that a Dartmouth woman was sexually assaulted by a stocky, bald, white man in his late 30s or early 40s. But Const. Carr said officers don't think the cases are related.

"We're confident that it's not the same individual," he said, declining to elaborate.

Jeanie Spence, who lives a block away from the park, said she would like to see more police in the area.

"I don't like to say anything bad about my neighbourhood," she said on a sidewalk near the park Friday afternoon. "I don't think it matters where you live."

Her son was jumped by a group of kids a few years ago and she didn't like the way police handled that.

She intends to warn her daughter about this recent violence.

"I have a teenaged daughter who sort of thinks that she's untouchable . . . never thinks that anything bad is going to happen."

"She won't be going anywhere after dark until there's some type of resolution, if they catch the guy or whatever."

Loretta Levy, a senior citizen, doesn't venture out in her neighbourhood at night.

"I don't chance that," she said, adding she avoids the park in broad daylight, too.

She thinks police try hard but said there are a lot of drugs in the area.

Chad Smith, 23, cuts through the park at any time of day or night, even though it worries him sometimes.

"It's pretty dark back here and people can't really see you from the street," he said.

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