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Man in ICU after shooting

Adam Zacharias

A 20-year-old motorcyclist was shot by a gunman on a bike on North Shore Road yesterday.

The victim was last night in a serious condition in the Intensive Care Unit of King Edward VII Memorial Hospital, while police were hunting two suspects who fled the scene at high speed on a motorcycle.

Yesterday, Pembroke residents told *The Royal Gazette* how they heard repeated gunfire as the incident took place at the junction of Overview Hill, shortly after 11.30am.

APPEAL FOR WITNESSES OVER GUNFIRE IN COURT STREET

Yesterday's shooting was followed shortly after 7pm with a man chased up Court Street and fired upon.

No injuries were reported and the suspects made their escape on foot. According to shopkeepers in the area, a man was pursued by two men past people socialising, and chased towards Till's Hill.

One neighbour, who was at home, described a "pow-pow-pow" sound.

"I've never heard gunshots before, other than on the TV, so I wasn't sure what it was," he said.

Another said: "I heard the shots then

I called the police about two minutes later. I couldn't believe it happened this early in the day. I told them I didn't know if it was really gunshots or not, and she said it was."

A Bermuda Police Service spokes-

Shots were fired near the junction with Angle Street. The street was temporarily closed for two blocks north of Elliott Street until about 8.30pm while police examined the scene.

Police appealed for witnesses to contact authorities on 295-0011, or to call the Crime Stoppers hotline, 800-8477.

broke male was shot about the body. He was taken to King Edward VII Memorial Hospital, where his condition at this point is unknown.

"We know that it was two males on a motorcycle. They opened fire on this male as he turned on to Overview Hill, before leaving North Shore travelling east.

"The area has been cordoned off by Black Watch Pass, all the way down to Berkeley Hill and traffic is being diverted through different areas.

"We are asking for the public's assistance, specifically anyone in the area

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SUPREME COURT

Jurors clear bank robbery suspect

Jonathan Bell
Adam Zacharias

Gregory Tucker, on trial for the armed robbery of Butterfield Bank in St George's, has been found unanimously not guilty by a jury.

Upon being freed yesterday afternoon, Mr Tucker, 24, placed his hands together and said "bless your heart" to judge Charles-Etta Simmons.

He chose not to speak with the press as he walked out of the building with loved ones and on to Court Street.

During a two-week trial at Supreme Court, prosecutor Nicole Smith said that the defendant threatened staff at the bank with an imitation Beretta pistol shortly after noon on June 9, before fleeing with a sum of cash.

While he admitted to spray-painting a toy gun black for someone he claims invited him to take part in the robbery, Mr Tucker said he did not be-

lieve the man was serious. He claimed to have spent the day of the robbery with his cousin, swimming near Fort St Catherine and then smoking cannabis on the rocks.

Police Constable Daniel Cole, of the armed response unit, had told the court he spoke to Mr Tucker close to the Royal Artillery Association Club on the afternoon of the robbery. PC Cole said he recognised the defendant from previous interactions and spoke to him "possibly" between 12.55pm and 1pm.

He said that Mr Tucker had been wet, was wearing "some sort of swimming trunks" and had been carrying a pair of camouflage shorts as well as a plastic cup.

Mr Tucker's ex-girlfriend Faith Best had recalled her shock at finding rolls of cash in a box under the sofa of her Smith's home, shortly after the robbery, despite his consistent claims that he had no money.

She also described finding a toy gun under the sofa and a can of black spray paint in her linen closet on separate occasions.

But defence lawyer Charles Richardson accused her of being dishonest, while Mr Tucker said that the money found by Ms Best "was the proceeds of selling marijuana and fixing mobile phones".

It was revealed that, shortly after the robbery, Mr Tucker purchased items including a new Samsung mobile phone, Dolce & Gabbana designer sunglasses and a stay at Grotto Bay.

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Free man: Gregory Tucker

Bank staff made redundant

Adam Zacharias

Butterfield Bank has made six management-level employees in Bermuda redundant in a restructuring move.

Bank spokesman Mark Johnson told *The Royal Gazette* that a further 12 workers lost their jobs in the Cayman Islands and Guernsey, although Butterfield

Bank employees in Switzerland, the Bahamas and London were unaffected.

"The bank redefined some rules and responsibilities within certain areas," Mr Johnson said. "With that move, certain positions in various departments were no longer required within the bank."

"We informed our employees yesterday internally."

CELEBRATING PETER WOOLCOCK



Talent on show: an exhibition about the life and work of popular cartoonist Peter Woolcock has opened at the Bermuda National Gallery. *Peter Woolcock: A Tribute*, which runs until May 28, showcases the Argentinian-born artist's stellar career in chronological order. **Story, Page 6**

PHOTOGRAPHS BY AKIL SIMMONS

Pink Beach on course for Christmas opening

Owain Johnston-Barnes

The new Pink Beach Hotel is on course to open its doors before the end of the year, according to developer representative Stephen King.

"We think we are well on schedule to open by Christmas 2016," Mr King told *The Royal Gazette*.

"It's going to be ready well in advance of the America's Cup, and so we are looking

forward to that. The hotel will be the first part of the development that will be open. There are seven residential units that will be marketed. One has been completed, two should be done this year and another four will come next year.

"The first thing we were focused on was getting the hotel ready."

The Pink Beach Club, on South Shore in Hamilton Parish, was purchased by Sardis Developments in early 2014, four years after entering into receivership.

It subsequently announced plans to raze the existing cottage colony and erect a boutique hotel on the property, along with a series of residential units whose sale would help cover the costs of the \$51.4 million project.

The residential units are designed so that they can be broken into multiple hotel rooms if needed, essentially creating a further 21 hotel rooms on the property.

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MUSTREADS

Stock market rallies

US stocks bounced back strongly from their miserable start to the year in Wall Street trading yesterday, boosted by a surge in the price of oil and hopes for economic stimulus.

BUSINESS 9-11

Embrace new beginnings

Maryland-based preacher Matthew L Watley will speak at Mt Zion AME's 2016 Fresh Start Revival next week. His message will be that everyone can make a fresh start with their faith.

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Journey of redemption

A "humbled" Larry Mussenden announced his intention to run for the Concacaf presidency yesterday, saying he wanted to restore trust and credibility to the position.

SPORT 29-32

School shooting report

At least two people were said to have been killed in a shooting at a school in remote La Loche, Saskatchewan, Canada yesterday. It was reported that a suspect is in custody.

OVERSEAS 15-16



GUN CRIME: Day of drama at two locations

Hunt for motorcyclists after shooting



Expressing concern: Walton Brown,. area MP



Call for witnesses: Dwayne Caines, Police spokesman

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between 11am and 11.30am who saw two males on a motorcycle acting suspiciously.

“A full investigation into this matter has commenced and the lead investigator is Acting Inspector Jason Smith.”

The two suspects are said to have left the scene travelling east along North Shore Road, on a dark-coloured motorcycle.

Both were wearing dark clothes.

Walton Brown, the MP for Pembroke Central, called it “obviously very disconcerting to see another shooting in our Island”.

The police operation extends into his constituency, where residents are said to be “deeply concerned”.

“I was in the area last night and will be there tomorrow

talking to residents,” Mr Brown said.

“The real issue is that we need a much more comprehensive approach to dealing with these incidents.

“I would like to see a much more intelligence-led police approach. These sorts of crimes are always the product of a larger set of issues.”

The Island’s problems with violent crime parallel “social malaises and economic challenges”, Mr Brown said.

It was the second gun-related incident within a 24-hour period, after men brandishing what appeared to be a firearm robbed the RUBiS Van Buren gas station in Flatts on Thursday night.

Witnesses should call police on 295-0011 or the confidential Crime Stoppers hotline 800-8477.



Shooting aftermath: there was a heavy police presence in North Shore Road in Pembroke after yesterday’s shooting



Cordoned off: Police at North Shore Road yesterday



No way through: the scene along Court Street after police cordoned off the area

PHOTOGRAPHS BY AKIL SIMMONS

Five arrested in police raid

Five people were arrested as police seized drugs, cash, stolen bikes and three pit bulls in raids yesterday.

The Bermuda Police Service executed six warrants in Paget and Warwick under the Misuse of Drugs Act.

A spokesman said: “An investigation into this matter is ongoing and police would like to thank area residents for their patience in this matter.

“We will have the Bermuda Police Service’s Community Action Teams in the affected areas working with the community to find long-term solutions.”

Weather service director to present hurricanes lecture

Bermuda Weather Service director Kimberley Zuill will present a free lecture on hurricanes at the Bermuda Zoological Society next Thursday.

The talk, “Hurricanes 101: A Bermuda Focus”, will focus on how hurricanes have shaped and continue to almost annually shape Bermuda’s history, and geology.

It is designed to offer an introduction to how, where and when tropical cyclones, including hurricanes, form, what mechanisms make them move in different patterns, where the strongest winds are located, how tropical storms differ from winter gales, and how to act on local watches and warnings.

Volunteer organiser Lisa Greene said in a statement: “The main purpose of these lectures is to provide the community with free and informative talks related to the mission of the BZS, which is to inspire appreciation and care of island environments.

“In the upcoming months, the lecture series will cover topics such as the Sargasso Sea and turtles in Bermuda.

“We encourage the public to take advantage of this excellent opportunity.”

To receive e-mail notices about upcoming talks e-mail Lisa at elgreene@ibl.bm.

•To register for the hurricane talk, which begins at 7pm, visit www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a-4caba92ca6f58-bzslecture.

Robbery suspect walks free

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Also during the trial, the jury was shown videotaped interviews with Mr Tucker about the robbery. Asked if he had any contact with an imitation firearm, he said he had not.

However, in a subsequent interview, officers are heard informing him that his DNA was found on a piece of the fake weapon left at the scene by the culprit. Asked how this could have happened, he said: “I have one thing I have to tell you. I found a BB gun. I showed it to a couple of people. I met this guy through someone else who wanted to purchase the BB gun. I gave it to him for a joint.”



Storm coming: US braces for a major snowstorm

US travel plans facing disruption

Anyone with travel plans to the United States should keep a close watch on their airline’s site as blizzards sweep over the East Coast.

Delta’s flight 437 from New York JFK, due to arrive just before noon tomorrow, is expected to be called off.

The Island’s weather will worsen tonight as the widespread low pressure system makes its presence felt. The Bermuda Weather Service predicts gale force winds, heavy rains and possible thunderstorms throughout tomorrow.

Heavy snow is now bearing down on Washington, DC, and two feet are possible along much of the Eastern Seaboard. **See Overseas, Page 15**

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