

## Dallas courtroom gunman dies

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DALLAS — A man who opened fire outside a Dallas County courtroom Tuesday, shooting his estranged wife and a teenage bystander, has died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The shooting was the second in six months in a Metroplex courthouse, renewing concerns over security measures in public buildings.

A Parkland Memorial Hospital official confirmed late Tuesday that the accused gunman, Van Huynh, 30, died from his injuries. His wife, Ly Dang, 26, remained in critical condition at Parkland Memorial Hospital with single gunshot wounds to the head late Tuesday afternoon, said spokeswoman Michelle Raglon.

Parkland would not release the time of Huynh's death or other details.

## Man shoots wife, teenage bystander, himself in second Metroplex incident

Rogelio Gutierrez, 16, was upgraded to good condition late Tuesday with a gunshot wound to the left leg.

Officials and witnesses said the man approached the woman in the hallway outside the 304th state District Court about 9:30 a.m.

"I was sitting outside the courtroom at the juvenile court," said Robin Presley. "I heard a shot and I looked to my right. I heard another one so I didn't know whether this person was shooting at someone or if he was just running through shooting."

Added Presley's husband, Don, "He just came out of nowhere. There were attorneys sitting around talking with people about their cases."

"All the sudden you just heard

a gunshot. I kind of turned and looked to see what it was. Then you heard two more gunshots, and everybody was running," he said.

Sheriff's Lt. Larry Forsyth said the couple were on Tuesday's docket for a custody hearing when the shooting broke out. Li Dang's family members say that she had been seeking protection and that Huynh had a history of violence.

But Sheriff's spokesman Jim Ewell later said authorities were unsure about the nature of their case.

"The guy just walked out in the hallway and shot his wife in the head," Forsyth said. The gunman used a .38-caliber revolver, he said.

Forsyth added that about 25 people were in the hallway outside District Judge Hal Gaither's courtroom.

"I went immediately and locked the courtroom door and herded everybody into the jury room," Gaither said. "Then I went through the back way to see if any of my staff were injured. I saw this young man limping down the hall. I brought him into the courtroom."

Security in the George Allen Courts Building, near the John F. Kennedy Memorial, is light. The only security measure in Gaither's sixth-floor juvenile court when the shooting began was one bailiff, said Esquibel.

Following the shooting judges closed and left their offices to protest lax security. Signs were posted on doors informing citizens that they would return when proper security would be provided.

## Cultures clash at colossal super collider

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DALLAS — Cultures are colliding at the site of a giant atom smasher, with Russians learning about quirks of Texas culture as well as quarks and other subatomic particles.

A team of about 30 Russian scientists and engineers are working at the \$8.25 billion super collider. Seven Russian laboratories have signed agreements to construct or design parts of the project south of Dallas.

The United States government recently signed a formal agreement with the Russians, designed to make cooperation easier and save \$200 million in collider costs.

But it's still hard for Russians to adjust to living in the Lone Star State.

The scientists and their families welcome the abundant food in this country — but aren't sure what to make of guacamole and other dishes.

"It's an acquired taste," quipped Tonya Mitsu-makher, whose husband is a physicist at the

superconducting super collider.

But physicists from both countries have already learned how to share information — even during the tense Cold War-era 1960s.

"Even when relations on the politics (were) not good, cooperation in physics was steady," Victor Yarba, deputy director at the Institute for High Energy Physics in Protvino, told The Dallas Morning News.

Yarba is spending a sabbatical year at the SSC project, helping to design the second-largest ring of underground magnets. Since English is the international language for scientists, communication has not been a problem.

"I found here an interesting job, interesting field. . . . What I need is paper and pen and my brain, so I did not notice radical changes," said Gennady Stupakov, a physicist from Novosibirsk, Siberia.

Scientists and their families said they're enjoying Texas. "My wife even likes Texas weather," said Stupakov.

"She doesn't like cold, and Siberia —

Novosibirsk — is certainly cold."

Other wives have had a harder time adjusting to life in Texas, said Gail Heilbrunn, hospitality chairwoman of the Collider's Women's Association.

Spouses of visiting scientists are prohibited by immigration laws from working unless they have been invited to posts at the collider. Foreign wives know little or no English and many do not drive.

"If you're in new country and you don't know very simple things, and you don't know how to decide this problem, it's hard and makes you tense," said Stupakov's wife, Maya, who taught music in Russia.

Other wives gave up jobs in education, engineering and other fields to make the move to the Waxahachie area, which the 54-mile underground collider tunnel will encircle.

Valery Mejdzade, an engineer from Novosibirsk, said all the Russians are sending part of their salaries — paid in U.S. currency instead of unstable rubles — home to help relatives.

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