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Authorities believe Washington-area sniper may have left message at scene of Virginia shooting

ASHLAND, Va. (AP) — Authorities believe the Washington-area sniper left a message with a telephone number at the scene of the latest shooting in Virginia. The Associated Press learned Sunday. Police appealed to the person who left the message to contact them.

"To the person who left us a message at the Ponderosa last night. You gave us a telephone number. We do want to talk to you. Call us at the number you provided. Thank you," Montgomery County, Md., Police Chief Charles Moose said in a televised briefing.

Moose, leader of the task force investigating 11 sniper shootings in the Washington area, refused to elaborate or take questions about the message or how it was left. But he asked the news media to "carry it clearly and carry it often."

After the briefing, Officer Joyce Utter, spokeswoman for Montgomery County police, said Moose's statement "should make complete sense" to the person who left the message.

"That is the only person Chief Moose wants to talk to," she said.

A law enforcement source close to the investigation said the person who left the message at the steakhouse in Ashland is probably the sniper

who is responsible for the shootings that have left nine dead since Oct. 2. In the latest shooting, a 37-year-old man was shot and critically wounded in the parking lot Saturday night.

The victim, hit by a single shot in the abdomen, went back into surgery Sunday night

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to re-connect his stomach and intestines, hospital spokeswoman Pam Lepley said.

"If there's any good news it's that he was stable enough to be taken into surgery," Lepley said. She said surgery began at 6:50 p.m. Sunday, but could not say how long it would take.

Earlier Sunday, investigators said they were acting on the assumption that the Washington-area sniper has expanded his geographic range as they searched for clues out-

side the Ponderosa.

After finishing the search investigators said little about what, if anything, they had found.

Some witnesses said they heard a shot coming from a wooded area near the restaurant, but nobody reported seeing the shooter.

If the shooting is linked to the sniper attacks, it would be the first weekend attack and the farthest the sniper has traveled — about 85 miles south of Washington.

The longest previous distance from the Washington area was Spotsylvania County, about 50 miles south of Washington. It would also break the longest lull between shootings, about five days.

Former FBI profiler Clinton Van Zandt said Saturday's shooting, if related, could show the killer's approach is changing in response to law enforcement tactics. For instance, reports last week that military surveillance planes would be used in the Washington suburbs probably prompted the sniper to move farther away, he said.

And since much had been made about the weekend lulls, "I think he reacted to that," Van Zandt said.

The most recent shooting confirmed sniper attack was the Monday night slaying of FBI analyst Linda Franklin outside a Home Depot store in Falls Church.

Residents were on edge in Ashland, a town of about 6,500. At the Virginia Center Commons mall, about seven miles from the shooting, a normally busy food court sat half-empty Sunday. Shopper Nancy Elrod said she almost had been too afraid to come.

"We certainly felt sorry about all the people up north who were nervous and now it's down here and we're nervous, too," said Elrod, 45.

Police said the victim, whose name was not released, and his wife were traveling and stopped in Ashland for gas and food. His wife told authorities the car sounded like a car backing up and said her husband took about three steps before collapsing.

Authorities were on the look-out early on for a white van with a ladder rack. Ashland Police Chief Frederic Pleasants Jr. said after interviewing witnesses, however, police had no suspect and no clear description of a vehicle that could be placed at the scene.

The victim underwent surgery for three hours Saturday night at MCV Hospitals in Richmond, hospital spokeswoman Pam Lepley said. Doctors said they did not try to remove the bullet in the first round of surgery, but would try to do so in the second round.

Doctors had to remove part of the man's stomach, half of his pancreas and his spleen.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cleric arrested in Indonesia bombings, linked to Bali

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Authorities are making progress in the investigation of a bombing in Bali that killed nearly 200 people, with investigators now concluding that three, not two, explosives were used in the attack, police said Sunday.

Abu Bakar Bashir, a cleric who runs an

Islamic school, was arrested Saturday on suspicion of involvement in a series of church bombings two years ago.

Former York mayor acquitted in 1969 race riot killing

YORK, Pa. (AP) — The former mayor was acquitted and two other men were convicted Saturday in the shotgun slaying of a young black woman during race riots that

tore apart York in 1969, the verdicts announced by closing the books on a crime that has haunted the city for more than three decades.

Charlie Robertson, 68, cried after the white jury's verdict was read, saying the tears were "from prayers."

The former mayor and two other men were tried in the death of Lillie Belle Allen, a preacher's daughter from Aiken, S.C., who was gunned down by a white mob

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