

Man arrested in shooting death of Venus, Serena Williams' sister

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COMPTON, Calif. — A man was arrested in the shooting death of a sister of tennis stars Venus and Serena Williams, and authorities Monday searched for four other possible suspects in the slaying outside a house known to attract gang members.

Aaron Michael Hammer, 24, was booked for investigation of murder late Sunday and jailed without bail. Sheriff's deputies said he had ties to a gang but was not a member.

Yetunde Price, 31, was shot in the chest early Sunday about a mile from the tennis courts where her younger sisters first rose to prominence in this gang- and violence-plagued city outside Los Angeles.

The motive for the slaying remained under investigation. As many as four other possible suspects were being sought, Deputy Richard Pena said.

Price was killed by a gunman standing in front of a house that was known to attract gang mem-

bers and where drugs have been sold in the past, authorities said. "At this point we just don't know if this is gang or narcotics," said sheriff's Lt. Daniel Rosenberg, a homicide detective. "I can tell you there are cer-

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— Lt. Daniel Rosenberg
homicide detective

tain indications to suggest this location has involved either gangs or drugs. The house was troublesome to both the residents in the community and the deputies in Compton station.

Price, who no longer lived in Compton, was sitting with a man in a sport utility vehicle shortly after midnight when they

got into a confrontation with several neighborhood residents, Pena said. Authorities said it was not known whether Price knew her assailant.

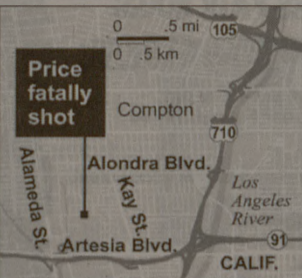
The man with Price was uninjured and drove her to a relative's house, where he called 911, authorities said. Price was then taken to a hospital, where she died.

The man with Price, Rolland Wormley, 28, was jailed after authorities discovered he was on parole, which he allegedly violated by being at the scene of the shooting. Deputies did not disclose why he was on parole.

An assault rifle was found at the scene, and neighbors reported hearing six to 20 gunshots. Price, one of five sisters who spent their early years in Compton, was a registered nurse who owned a beauty salon. She also served as a personal assistant to her famous half-sisters, who moved to Florida with their parents when they turned pro as teenagers.

Suspect arrested in Compton shooting

A 24-year-old man was arrested early Monday in the investigation of the shooting that killed the older sister of tennis stars Venus and Serena Williams in a Los Angeles suburb.



Singh wins rain-shortened tourney

By Jan Dennis
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SILVIS, Ill. — Vijay Singh played a quick 13 holes and earned a hefty check that moved him closer to one of his career goals: winning the PGA Tour's season money list.

Singh collected \$630,000 for his four-shot win at the rain-delayed John Deere Classic on Monday, moving ahead of Davis Love III on this year's tour earnings list.

"My goal is to really be able to win the money list just once before I finish. This will probably be the best opportunity I get," said Singh, who now has collected \$5.7 million and a career-high three wins this year.

With three more PGA Tour events on his schedule this year, Singh likes his chances.

"If I can win one more time, I think I've got it sealed," said Singh, who also moved past Phil Mickelson for third place on the career money list with nearly \$24 million in 11 years on the tour.

Singh closed with a 6-under-par 65 for a total of 16-under 268. He had six birdies

in a bogey-free final round that was held over a day after darkness suspended play Sunday night.

Chris Riley (71), J.L. Lewis (71) and Jonathan Byrd (68) shared second at 12-under 272.

Riley said Singh is tough to catch when he has the lead in the final round.

"He's in the Tiger Woods, Davis Love, Mike Weir, their class. I'm trying to get there," said Riley, who now has six top-10 finishes this year.

Byrd said consistency is the key to Singh's game, especially with his short irons.

"He's hitting it (within) 15, 20, 10 feet all day. You do that for enough holes, you're going to make something," Byrd said.

Singh also is being mentioned as player of the year.

"I can control the money list. I cannot control the player of the year," he said.

Singh started play Monday at 12 under,

tied with Lewis, who posted his lone career win at the Deere Classic in 1999.

The pair resumed their final round Monday on No. 6, and Singh began to pull away after he birdied No. 8 and Lewis followed with a bogey on No. 9.

Lewis, who used only 50 putts when he shot consecutive 6-under 65s in the first two rounds, struggled on the green over the weekend.

"I didn't feel nervous but I played like I was so I must have been," said Lewis, who shot even par the last two rounds.

Paul Stankowski, in his third PGA event since returning from wrist surgery, tied for fifth at 11 under with Hidemichi Tanaka and Kevin Sutherland.

The Deere Classic drew its best field after being moved back from its usual tee off in July. However, the tournament was plagued by a Saturday downpour that postponed the third round and pushed play into Monday.

It was the first PGA Tour event to extend into Monday since the FBR Capital Open in June. However, 22 of 39 tournaments this year have had some kind of weather delay.



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Stevens Hardware in Annapolis, Md., ran out of batteries, flashlights, lamp oil, tape, camping lamps, can openers, plastic sheeting and candles before noon Monday, said manager Mike Stevens.

"A lot of people are calling for generators. I don't think there's a generator in Annapolis to be bought," Stevens said.

At 11 a.m. EDT, Isabel was centered about 780 miles southeast of Cape Hatteras, and was moving northwest at about 8 mph.

The storm weakened slightly Monday but was still a powerful Category 4 with sustained wind blowing at 140 mph, with higher gusts, the National Hurricane Center said. On Sunday, Isabel's top wind had hit 160 mph.

Isabel is the first major hurricane to threaten the mid-Atlantic since Floyd wreaked havoc on the

East Coast in September 1999, leading to 56 deaths.

All 921 residents of Ocracoke Island in North Carolina's vulnerable Outer Banks were ordered to begin evacuating Monday afternoon. A line quickly formed at the ferry dock.

The evacuation was ordered because of fear that already rising swells could wash out parts of the island highway and maroon some residents. But the sky was still sunny and the weather generally was pleasant.

In other islands on the outer banks, residents started boarding windows, moving their vessels inland and checking up on their generators.

Kay Burros and Anne Troutman decided it was time to check their 5,000-watt home generator at Surf City.

"We've had it about 3 years, but haven't cranked it up in a while. It's been so long, we have to read the instructions," Burros said.

Up the coast in Dover, Del., B.J. Whittaker snapped up 10 sheets of plywood at a Lowe's home improvement store. "I can't do anything if the roof blows off, but I can keep my windows from getting broken," he said.

Emergency officials in central and eastern Pennsylvania started planning for the growing likelihood that Isabel or its remnants would bring high wind and heavy rain into the state by Friday morning.

Pennsylvania already has had a wetter than normal summer, and hundreds of people were evacuated Monday in West Chester, Pa., west of Philadelphia, because of extensive flooding caused by more than 8 inches of rain overnight.

Farther north, Massachusetts was expected to miss the brunt of the storm.

Battalion staffer True Brown contributed to this report.

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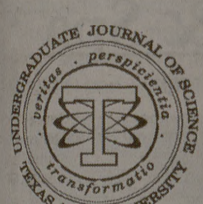
A&M-Pitt game time set for 2:30

Texas A&M's Sept. 27 football game against Pittsburgh will start at 2:30 p.m. ABC Sports selected the game to be shown regionally on ABC.

Two other Big 12 games were selected to be shown Sept. 27. Missouri-Kansas will be shown at 11:30 a.m. on Fox Sports, and TBS will show the Texas-Tulane game nationally at 6 p.m.

This weekend, four Big 12 games will be on TV in addition to the Aggies' Thursday night tilt against Virginia Tech. Texas Tech-North Carolina State will be on ESPN2 at 11 a.m., Marshall-Kansas State will be on Fox Sports at 11:30 a.m., and Colorado-Florida State and UCLA-Oklahoma will be on ABC at 2:30 p.m.

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