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# SHOOTING LEAVES 1 DEAD

At least 7 more injured outside SLP rap concert

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A 19-year-old male from St. Paul was killed and at least seven others injured during a shooting early Sunday, Dec. 22, in the parking lot of the Dala Thai Restaurant and Banquet Hall in Spring Lake Park, according to the Anoka County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff's Office Commander Wayne Heath said officers from the Spring Lake Park Department responded to a report of a shooting at 12:08 a.m. in the parking lot of the Dala Thai Restaurant and Banquet Hall located at 8407 Plaza Blvd., in Spring Lake Park.

Multiple victims with

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Concertgoers from the Dala Thai Restaurant and Banquet Hall look over the crime scene of a shooting in the parking lot after they are released from the building early Sunday, Dec. 22. The shooting resulted in one 19-year-old male being killed and at least seven others injured.

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Multiple agencies responded to the scene of a shooting at 12:08 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, in the parking lot of the Dala Thai Restaurant and Banquet Hall in Spring Lake Park while a concert was occurring inside. One 19-year-old male was killed in the shooting and at least seven others injured. Photo by Paige Kieffer

## SLP shooting leaves 1 dead

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gunshot wounds were located and treated by law enforcement and medical personal.

Chai Yang, 19, of St. Paul, was pronounced dead. Three victims were transported to the Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis; two more victims were transported to North Memorial Hospital in Robbinsdale; and one victim was located at St. John's Hospital in Maplewood. Authorities later identified a seventh victim with minor injuries. None of the survivors had life-threatening injuries, according to the Sheriff's Office.

Investigators identified the surviving victims as Ger Yang, 29, of Pine City; Keng Moua, 19, of St. Paul; Chimua Lor, 22, of St. Paul; Lee Vang Lor, 38, of St. Paul; Jann Her, 34, of St. Paul; John Thoa, 26, of St. Paul; and Kou Yang, 37, of St. Paul.

Multiple other businesses, which were closed at the time, near the intersection of Park Terrace and Center Drive were also struck with gunfire causing damage.

Heath said no suspects were in custody Dec. 22 but that authorities did not believe there was any further danger to the public.

The incident occurred when hundreds were gathered at the Dala Thai Restaurant and Banquet Hall, which opened earlier

this year, for Big Monster's Ugly Sweater Party, an 18-plus event hosted by Midwest Monstaz and featuring rapper \$tupid Young, Jon Snow, Budd Khang and Kid Swami.

"We were just inside," said concertgoer Ben Nguyen. "We were at the concert for \$tupid Young, and out of nowhere all the cops just showed up. We didn't know what happened. They didn't tell us at first until obviously rumors started spreading. They had us sitting there for almost two hours."

Nguyen said he did not hear the gunshots due to the noise of the concert but did see people crying afterward.

Concertgoers were slowly released in groups from 1:30 a.m. to 2:30 a.m.

Multiple agencies assisted at the scene, including the Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View Fire Department, Allina Health ambulances, Anoka County Sheriff's Office and the Blaine, Centennial Lakes, Columbia Heights, Fridley and Lino Lakes Police Departments, among others.

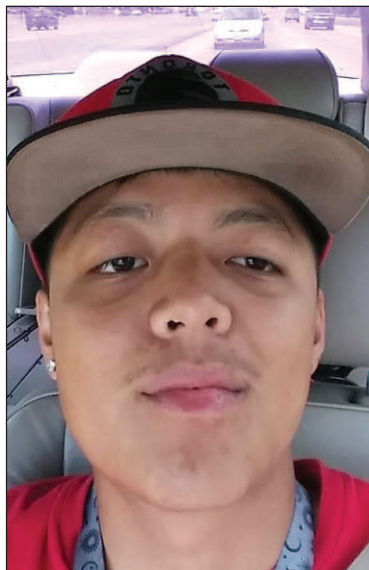
The case remains under investigation by the Spring Lake Park Police Department, the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office and the Anoka County Sheriff's Office.

Anyone with information is being asked to call the Anoka County Sheriff's Office at 763-427-1212.

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A Class Sounds was damaged when stray gunfire hit the building in Spring Lake during a shooting Sunday, Dec. 22, in the parking lot of the neighboring Dala Thai Restaurant and Banquet Hall. Photo by Paige Kieffer



Chai Yang. Photo courtesy of Facebook



Chai Yang, 19, of St. Paul, was killed, and at least seven others injured during a shooting Sunday, Dec. 22, in the parking lot of the Dala Thai Restaurant and Banquet Hall in Spring Lake Park. Photo by Paige Kieffer