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Police probing pair of gunfire incidents

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Wixom police are investigating two cases of gunshots fired at the Village Apartments near Pontiac Trail and Wixom Road.

On Thursday, Nov. 11, police heard several gunshots fired west of their location at Hickory and Beck. While en route, several subjects flagged police down reporting gunshots near the commons area of the complex.

Walled Lake and South Lyon police and Oakland County Sheriff's Department Commerce Substation deputies arrived on the scene. Officers found shell casings fired from a .45-caliber handgun near the southwest corner of Building 91. Eight more casings were found close by.

A witness reported that she saw the shooter and described him as a black male wearing a dark hoodie and baggie pants. She stated she had been walking through the parking lot when she heard footsteps coming from the pine trees at the southwest corner of Building 19. When she looked up she saw the subject, who proceeded to fire several gunshots. She immediately ran to her apartment. Another round of eight gunshots followed.

Oakland County Sheriff Department personnel conducted a K-9 track in the area leading south from the site of the shell casings. It's believed the shooter jumped into a vehicle and fled the scene.

Then on Saturday, Nov. 13, another 10 gunshots were reported near the 30000 block of Wildwood.

Sheriff's department personnel, together with Wixom and Walled Lake police officers, canvassed the area after a half dozen calls were received by dispatchers. The gunfire was heard in the same area as the previous incident.

A similar description of the shooter was given to police by several witnesses. The subject was described as a 6-foot male weighing about 180 pounds and wearing a dark gray hoodie.

Police found several shell casings on the grass near the same building as the prior incident. They also appeared to come from a .45-caliber gun. Another 10 casings were found nearby.

A K-9 search led to Building 40, where the track ended.

Police are linking the theft of a stolen .45-caliber firearm on Oct. 19 to the pair of gunshot incidents.