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Police Seeking Killer of MTA Mechanic Devron Lewis



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(April 1, 2003) Los Angeles police are seeking the killer of MTA Mechanic Devron La Vell Lewis, 28, who was fatally shot about 11 p.m., Friday, as he drove home after his shift at West Hollywood Division 7.

Witnesses said a man "stepped into the roadway" in the 5100 block of West Jefferson Avenue and began firing a gun at Lewis' 1992 Chevrolet Caprice. Lewis later died of his injuries. Funeral services are pending.

A motive for the attack is not known. The gunman, who remains at large, is described as Hispanic, 17-22 years old, 5 feet 8 inches, weighing about 160 pounds. Detectives are asking anyone with information about the crime to call 213-485-2417.

Lewis joined MTA in November 1998 and worked as a service attendant at South Bay Division 18. He took technical training courses, passed the exam for Mechanic "C" and was transferred to Division 7.

"He was a hard worker with a good attitude," says Division 18 Maintenance Manager Ken Matsuno. "I hated to see him leave, but he wanted to improve himself."

"He was very professional," says Division 7 Maintenance Manager Ron Whitney. "He had a very bright future with MTA."

Lewis is survived by his father, Herbert Lewis, an MTA field equipment technician attached to the Regional Rebuild Center, and his mother, Sharron Lewis.

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