

Two people found dead in New Haven



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NEW HAVEN, Conn. --Police are investigating what appear to be the city's fifth and sixth homicides of the month, only days after the Guardian Angels began patrolling in one neighborhood.

A man and a woman were found shot to death Sunday night behind a house on Chapel Street. Their names have not been released.

The Guardian Angels are not patrolling that area.

Police got a call at about 10 p.m. Sunday on a report of an unconscious woman. When they arrived they found the two shooting victims. Both were shot in the head, police said.

The city had one homicide this year before June began. But this month, a businessman was fatally shot on lower Chapel Street, a teenager was shot to death in the Fair Haven neighborhood and two people were gunned down in separate incidents last week.

Residents in the Edgewood section began armed neighborhood patrols this month after the son of Rabbi Daniel Greer was attacked on June 10.

The unarmed Guardian Angels began patrolling Edgewood last week after being invited to help the armed citizens' patrol by Greer's family.

The armed patrols have been criticized by some neighborhood residents who believe they will make the area more dangerous.

Curtis Sliwa, leader of the Guardian Angels, said he hopes to persuade the citizens' group to not carry guns.

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