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## Police Fatally Shoot Man They Say Attacked a Stranger

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A 24-year-old man staying at a Christian Science compound in Princeton Township, N.J., barged into a neighboring home early yesterday, stabbed the owner during a frantic fight and was shot and killed by police officers responding to a 911 call, the authorities said.

The man, Jelani Manigault, a senior at the University of Maryland who grew up in Teaneck, N.J., was struck by three police bullets as he threatened four officers with a 12-inch kitchen knife outside the home of William and Martha Sword, the authorities said.

Moments before Mr. Manigault was killed, he had stabbed Mr. Sword, a 51-year-old investment banker, several times in the upper chest and shoulder and then cut his own wrists. Mr. Sword, who the authorities said did not know Mr. Manigault, was reported in good condition after surgery yesterday afternoon at a Trenton hospital.

The Mercer County prosecutor, Daniel G. Giaquinto, said detectives were still trying to learn what had set off the half-hour of violence on a frigid night on Great Road, a curving, hilly street that cuts through an affluent neighborhood where some homes are valued in seven figures.

The prosecutor said Mr. Manigault had experienced "some kind of emotional disturbance" while staying with his parents, Andrew and Carol Manigault of Teaneck, and a girlfriend at the Christian Science center, Tenacre Foundation. Carol Manigault is a professor at Felician College in Lodi.

Investigators said Mr. Manigault suffered an anxiety or panic attack about 1:30 a.m., minutes before he drove away from the center in his parents' car. He arrived at the Swords' home dressed only in a T-shirt, socks and running pants, and attacked Mr. Sword after the banker let him in, thinking the young man needed help, the authorities said.

Officials at the Christian Science center said Mr. Manigault and his family had not gone there for help with any emotional or physical problems, and were not believed to be Christian Scientists. Tenacre Foundation, which opened on Great Road in 1921, offers Christian Scientist nursing care, which is based on prayer and theology instead of traditional medical treatment.

"He had simply come with his family for quiet time or to pray," the president of Tenacre Foundation, Cynthia R. Love, said. Her husband, Andrew, a manager at the center, said, "This individual, who was here just for a day, was not involved in Christian Science nursing."

Mr. Love said the Manigaults had not visited the center before.

Minutes after driving away from the Tenacre compound in his parents' 1996 Honda, Mr. Manigault sideswiped a tree on Great Road, struck a pick-up truck owned by John Dilluvio and his wife, Linda Kiefer, and sheared off a crabapple tree in their front yard. He made his way up the hill to the Sword home, and was moaning as he rang a doorbell about 1:45 a.m., said Mr. Giaquinto, the prosecutor. He said Mr. Manigault had picked the home at random.

Fearing Mr. Manigault was injured, Mr. Sword asked him into the house, the prosecutor said.

Mr. Giaquinto then gave this account of the next few minutes: Mr. Manigault began wandering around the kitchen, talking to himself, then took a knife from a kitchen drawer. Mrs. Sword called the police. Moments later, Mr. Sword was stabbed. After struggling with Mrs. Sword's brother, Robert Sullivan, a house guest, Mr. Manigault went to the kitchen and started cutting his own wrists with the knife, saying "kill me" as he did.

He then went outside with the knife and encountered four police officers. They ordered him to drop the knife. But he did not, and walked toward them in a "menacing manner." He was then shot, Mr. Giaquinto said.

A neighbor of the Manigaults' in Teaneck said Mr. Manigault was slightly built and looked young for his age. Officials at the University of Maryland said he had enrolled in the fall of 1996 and was majoring in studio arts.

Mr. Sword is a managing director of Wm Sword & Company, an investment banking company founded by his father, William Sr. Mr. Sword's brother-in-law, Pete McDonough, said he was expected to recover.

"What happened," Mr. McDonough said, "is a testament to his willingness to be helpful."