Man shot, killed by Eagan police

There was an "exchange of gunfire" after authorities arrived on the scene, where he was declared dead.

The man, who was identified by neighbors and court records as Justin Kehlmeier-Derks, was pronounced dead at the scene. The first 911 call came at 12:58 a.m. Sunday. Surveillance video outside the Forest Ridge apartments in the 1200 block of Ironwood Lane. Officers arrived and there was an "exchange of gunfire," said Eagan police spokesman Aaron Michemites. Asked if his had fired directly at police, Michemites said, "I don't know at this time. The officers and the suspect were shooting at what I'm trying to say." Michemites said this was the first officer-involved shooting in Eagan that resulted in a death since 1992 and the first officer-involved shooting at all in recent years. He also said he was unsure whether police and the suspect had had any previous contact. He said it's not clear whether more than one officer fired at Kehlmeier-Derks, though three officers were deployed on administrative leave, which is standard procedure in such cases. The state bureau of Criminal Apprehension is assisting in the investigation.

Drivers ask about MnPass details

The Drive

TIM HARLOW

My Aug. 17 story about the Minnesota Department of Transportation and the State Patrol joining forces to crack down on motorists using the MnPass lanes illegally generated lots of discussion on the hours that the special lanes reserved during rush hour for carpools, buses, motorcycles and solo drivers who pay to use them. The piece detailing how MnDOT will pay the patrolled $2.6 million for the next two years to enforce the lanes also had readers asking about everything from the hours that the diamond lanes on Interstate 35W, 35E and 394 are enforced to the new lane markings on I-94.

Doug, who does not have a MnPass account, uses I-35W to get from south Minneapolis to Burnsville during the morning commute and wondered if he could use the high-occupancy toll (HOT) lanes since he's traveling in the opposite direction of the dedicated MnPass lanes on I-35W, Burnsville, via I-35W, the southbound lanes between 42nd Street and I-494 are tolled from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays. But south of I-494, the southbound lanes are tolled only from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. On that segment of I-35W, yes, Doug can use the HOT lanes without fear of getting pulled over.

General hours of enforcement

For the record, here are the weekday hours that other MnPass lanes are in effect: Northbound on I-35W from Crystal Lake Road to Hwy. 62 are tolled from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on I-35W between Little Canada Road and Wayzata Street, the southbound lanes between 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. and northbound between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

On I-394, westbound lanes are tolled between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. and eastbound lanes between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. The rules change on the reverses lanes east of Hwy. 30. They are tolled 24 hours with eastbound open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and westbound from 5 p.m. to 7 a.m. The lane is closed from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 a.m. to 6 a.m. during the off-peak hours.

When: vary on weekends and when special events are scheduled.

When you're using MnPass, make sure you're using the MnPass lanes.

Cottage Grove buys and rezones 57 acres for new middle school, athletic fields

The City Council this month agreed to a site plan for the new Olmsted Middle School and changed zoning on the 57-acre parcel from agricultural to residential.

That means construction will begin in October on a school that's scheduled to open in the fall of 2018. It's always nice to have a new building and new technology, and it's great for the kids," said Dave Thiel, a Cottage Grove City Council member.

The current Olmsted school, which has stood for many years, is in need of repairs. Paul Park, was considered an award for the middle school model that separates students into teams with specific sets of teachers. In November, voters in the South Washington Elementary School District narrowly approved a $96 million bond issue to build a new middle school in Cottage Grove.

Plan for new Olmsted Middle School is "great for the kids."

THE DRIVE

KEVIN GILES

The northwest side of Cottage Grove is headed for a major transformation, now that zoning has been approved for a new 1,100-student middle school and outdoor athletic fields.

The parks system in Minneapolis has selected a new chief of its Recreation Division.

Tyreese Cox, an administrator in the St. Paul School District, takes over the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board on Sept. 6.

"I'm excited for Tyreese to join the Park Board team," said Park and Recreation Superintendent Jayne Miller in her announcement last week. "His commitment..."