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## Man shot, killed by Eagan police

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

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Eagan police shot and killed a 37-year-old man who was sitting in his car firing a handgun into the air and toward an apartment building Sunday.

The man, who was identified by neighbors and court records as Justin Kulhanek-Derks, was pronounced dead at the scene.

The first 911 call came at 11:58 a.m. Sunday, about a man shooting 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 Machtemes.

Asked if the man had fired directly at police, Machtemes said, “I don’t know at this time. The officers and the suspect were shooting, is what I’m trying to say.”

Machtemes said this was the first officer-involved shooting in Eagan that resulted in a death since 1992 and the first officer-involved shoot-

ing 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 Kulhanek-Derks, though three officers were placed on administrative leave, which is standard procedure in such cases. The state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is assisting in the investigation.

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## 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 merits of 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 patrol \$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, I-35E and I-394 are enforced to the new lane markings on I-394.

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 heavy traffic. And vice versa on his trip home.

“The diamond lanes are confusing, but it does indicate hours of use, like 3 to 6 p.m. But signs also indicate MnPass, multiple occupancy, buses, motorcycles. So can I use the diamond lane going south to Burnsville during AM commutes?” he asked.

Yes and no. MnPass signs include the hours that tolls are collected. On I-35W, the southbound lanes between 42nd Street to I-494 are tolled from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays. But south of I-494, the southbound lanes are tolled only from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Or that segment of I-35W, yes, Doug, you can use the HOT lane 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 I-35W from Crystal Lake Road to Hwy. 62 is tolled from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. North of the Crosstown toll are collected from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

On I-35E between Little Canada Road and Cayuga Street, fees in southbound lanes are collected 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and northbound between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

On I-394, westbound lanes west of Hwy. 100 are tolled between 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and eastbound lanes between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. The rules change on the reversible lanes east of Hwy. 100. They are tolled 24 hours with eastbound open from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. and westbound from 2 p.m. to 5 a.m. daily. The lane is closed from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 a.m. to 6 a.m. for the directional switch-over. Hours may vary on weekends and when special events are scheduled.

When untolled, all motorists can use the MnPass lanes for free. Bernard asked about the new double-dotted lines that replaced the solid double white lines previously used to separate the HOT lane from general lanes on I-394.



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## You touch my car, I bite your hand. Unless you may have some treats?

Tia Marie the Chihuahua backed up her “look, don’t touch” policy with a ferocious face at the Pet Party at Sabes Jewish Community Center in St. Louis Park on Sunday. At left, a 3-week-old kitten was bottle-fed by Laura Uecker of Angel of Hope Animal Rescue so that it may be adopted at 8-10 weeks. See more photos at [startribune.com/galleries](http://startribune.com/galleries).



### MINNEAPOLIS

## Park and rec has new director of recreation

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

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

“I’m excited for Tyrize to join the Park Board team,” said Park and Recreation Superintendent Jayne Miller in her announcement last week. “Her commitment

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

Plan for new Oltman Middle School is “great for the kids.”

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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 City Council this month agreed to a site plan for the new Oltman 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 Thiede, a Cottage Grove City

Council member.

The current Oltman school, which has stood for many years next-door in St. Paul Park, was considered an awkward fit for the middle school model that separates students into teams with specific sets of teachers.

In November, voters in the South Washington County school district narrowly approved a \$96 million bond issue to build the new Oltman

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