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City back on edge after protests

Anniversary of death met with police shootings

BY JIM SALTER
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Associated Press

FERGUSON, Mo. — Ferguson was a community on edge again Monday, a day after a protest marking the anniversary of Michael Brown's death was punctuated with gunshots and police critically wounding a black 18-year-old accused of opening fire on officers.

Police, protesters and people who live and work in the St. Louis suburb were bracing for what nightfall might bring following more violence along West Florissant Avenue, the same thoroughfare that was the site of massive protests and rioting after Brown was fatally shot last year in a confrontation with a white Ferguson officer.

"Of course I'm worried," said Sandy Sansevere, a retired health care worker who volunteers at the retail store operated by the nonprofit group I Love Ferguson, which was formed after Brown's death to promote the community. "What scares me are the guns."

The father of the suspect who was shot called the police's version of events "a bunch of lies." He said two girls who were with his son told him he was unarmed and had been drawn into a dispute involving two groups of young people.

St. Louis County Executive Steve Stenger declared a state of emergency, which authorizes county Police Chief Jon Belmar to take control of police emergency management in and around Ferguson.

Protests spilled outside of Ferguson. Almost 60 protesters were arrested around midday Monday for blocking the entrance to the federal courthouse in downtown St. Louis. Authorities planned to release them on a promise to appear later in court.

Protesters later briefly blocked Interstate 70 during the late afternoon rush hour, with an additional undetermined number of arrests made.

Among those arrested at the courthouse was scholar and civil rights activist Cornel West.

That protest, like other commemoration events over the past few days, was largely peaceful and somber. But on Sunday, several hundred people gathered in the street on West Florissant, ignoring

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REDHOT



Advocate staff photos by LESLIE WESTBROOK

A digital sign at the corner of St. Mary Boulevard and Rex Street reads 107 degrees as students wait to cross the street Monday on the University of Louisiana at Lafayette campus.

Lafayette hit triple digits the past two days, said Tim Humphrey, meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Lake Charles. The city reached 102 degrees Monday and 100 degrees Sunday.

Monday's temperature in Lafayette also was the highest yet this year and the record high for the day's date, Humphrey said.

FULL STORY on 2B



Edgar Alex uses a hat, sunglasses and an extra T-shirt to protect himself from the sun and heat as he works at a residential construction site on Girard Park Drive on Monday.



Timothy Badeaux braves the heat as he jogs around the track at Girard Park on Monday in Lafayette.

Man gets 10 years for bomb threat

UL-Lafayette scare a diversion for bank robbery try

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Despite his assurances to a federal judge that he could still contribute to society, Devin Haywood was sentenced Monday to 10 years in prison for calling in the July 2014 bomb threat that shut down the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, a threat that drew police away from Haywood's real target: a north Lafayette bank he tried but failed to rob.

"I do have a lot of potential," Haywood, 31, told U.S. District Judge Richard Haik. Haywood told Haik, "I was messed up in the head," when he called a Lafayette news station claiming he'd planted a bomb in Girard Park on July 16, 2014. Haywood said his sister had committed suicide and that he couldn't get a job after graduating from a Sunset truck-driving academy.

Haik wasn't swayed.

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Haywood

Mamou

Bank robber uses backhoe to steal ATM, fires at police

KATC-TV report

Police on Monday evening were questioning two people in an early morning bank robbery in Mamou, a crime in which the thief is accused of shooting at responding officers as he used a backhoe to dislodge and steal an entire ATM.

Neither the Mamou Police Department nor the Evangeline Parish Sheriff's Office on Monday afternoon gave a description of the man, and it's unclear whether he has been identified.

The incident happened about 3:30 a.m. Monday at Citizens Bank in the 600 block of Poinciana Avenue, Mamou Police Chief Robert McGee said. He said the thief fired multiple rounds at responding officers.

Police later found the backhoe and the ATM on Country Lane, a mile-long road about a block from the bank, McGee said.

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