

Minneapolis stores looted as mayhem erupts following gunman's suicide: police

The suspected gunman was being sought for a slaying that occurred hours earlier, police said

A suspected gunman fatally shot himself Wednesday as Minneapolis police were moving in to arrest him for a slaying committed hours earlier, sparking looting in the downtown area, police told Fox News.

The man was with a female at a parking garage around 2 p.m. when they encountered another man, Minneapolis police spokesman John Elder said. The couple got into a confrontation with the man, who was fatally shot by the man who was with the woman.

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Some looting happening around downtown. Police had it largely locked down pretty quickly. story from @AndrewMannix and @AJillSimons



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Doesnt look locked down to me... Looting is now taking place at the Nicollet Mall in Minneapolis after a man committed suicide while being pursued by police. Any excuse to riot.

The couple fled on foot but the woman was taken into custody by police a short time later. Authorities searched for the suspected gunman and found him just after 6 p.m. in the Nicollet Mall area, a shopping and dining district in the downtown area.

“As officers approached, he produced a handgun and shot himself,” Elder told Fox News.

Surveillance footage of the shooting showed the man shooting himself near a group of people.

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More looting in downtown Minneapolis. They’ve now breached the Saks 5th Avenue store on 6th and Nicollet and people are making out with lots of goods.

Officers did not open fire, he said.

Looting inside downtown businesses occurred after the shooting, Elder said, but no details were available. Officers were beginning to make arrests, he said. Videos posted to social media appeared to show people smashing windows and breaking into businesses to steal merchandise.

Mayor Jacob Frey pleaded for everyone to go home during a news conference. He imposed an immediate curfew and requested assistance from the National Guard.

“What we’re calling for right now is peace,” he said. “This destruction and property damage just takes away from that underlying goal.”

Police Chief Medaria Arradondo dispelled misinformation that his officers were involved in the suicide death, saying it was not officer-related.

“I will not allow to add more trauma to a city that’s still grieving from May 25,” referencing the death of George Floyd, whose death while in Minneapolis police custody sparked ongoing nationwide protests and riots.

He said one officer was injured, but not seriously.

Hennepin County Sheriff David Hutchinson told reporters downtown that deputies were assisting the Minneapolis Police Department. He urged people to go home and obtain the facts of the case before jumping to conclusions about what

happened hours earlier.

“When the police do things wrong we need to hold them accountable, but this is not the case,” he told reporters. “We as the police, the Sheriff’s Office did nothing wrong tonight.”

Gov. Tim Walz declared a peacetime emergency Wednesday night and said the National Guard and 150 Minnesota State Patrol troopers were being mobilized to assist local law enforcement.

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