

KCK Police Captain Shot and Killed

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) – A suspect in a drive-by shooting fatally shot a 17-year veteran of the Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department Tuesday afternoon as the officer was sitting in his patrol car.

Police Chief Terry Zeigler says 46-year-old Robert Melton was searching for the suspect when he drove up to someone who matched that person's description. Before Melton could get out of his vehicle, Zeigler says the suspect opened fire and hit the officer multiple times. The alleged shooter was caught five minutes later about a block away.

The suspect was being questioned Tuesday evening along with two other people suspected in the initial drive-by shooting. Police weren't releasing the suspects' names because charges hadn't been filed.

Melton was brought to the University of Kansas Hospital, where he died.

It's the second time a Kansas City, Kansas, police officer has been shot and killed this year. In early May, a detective was fatally shot near the Kansas Speedway.

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