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Melbourne Man Fatally Shot in Laneway, Gunman at Large

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A 21-year-old man has died following a shooting in a laneway behind a home in Wollert, a suburb in Melbourne’s outer north. The incident occurred shortly before 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, with Victoria Police confirming the attack appeared to be targeted.

According to police reports, the victim was approached by an unknown male in the laneway behind a residential property on Champions Parade. Witnesses reported hearing multiple gunshots, and the victim was found critically injured at the scene. Emergency services

arrived within minutes, but the young man could not be revived and was declared dead shortly after.

The offender fled the area in a vehicle. Investigators are examining whether a burnt-out car found later in Reservoir is connected to the shooting. As of Thursday evening, no arrests have been made, and the suspect remains at large.

While formal identification has not yet been released by Victoria Police, several media outlets have named the victim as Athan Boursinos. He is reported to be the son of a former Victoria Police officer. Authorities have not confirmed this detail publicly but are aware of the victim's identity.

The laneway where the shooting occurred has been cordoned off as members of the Homicide Squad conduct investigations. Forensic officers were seen working through the scene throughout the day, gathering evidence and speaking with local residents.

Police are continuing to appeal to the public for assistance. They are particularly interested in any dashcam or CCTV footage from the area between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Residents who saw any suspicious activity or vehicles in the vicinity are urged to come forward. Crime Stoppers can be contacted on 1800 333 000 or through their website at crimestoppersvic.com.au.

Authorities have stated that there is no ongoing threat to the broader community. However, the shooting has caused concern among locals, especially given its proximity to homes and schools. A nearby childcare center was briefly placed on alert during the police response.

The investigation remains ongoing, and police have not provided any details about the possible motive behind the attack. Updates will be provided as more information becomes available.