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The Gallup Police Department responded to a shots fired call July 10 shortly after 11pm, according to Captain Rick White.

“Friday, about 11:16pm, officers were dispatched to First and Lincoln in reference to shots being fired,” White said.

North First and East Lincoln is located a mere two blocks from Maloney Avenue and just a short walk from two highly utilized neighborhood parks as well as a school and a church.

While the incident is still very much under investigation, witnesses were able to identify a vehicle that was in the area at the time the shots were heard.

“A white Blazer was seen leaving the scene,” White said.

Officers quickly located that vehicle, shortly after, at Third and Maxwell. They identified all the occupants whose identities have not yet been released, according to Sergeant of Detectives Rosanne Morrissette.

“The people in the vehicle were spoken to and released,” she said.

The following morning a man went to Rehoboth McKinley Christian Hospital with an apparent gunshot wound. The victim has been identified as Tamend Brown, 39, of Gallup. Detective Bernadette Shirley is currently heading the investigation into the shooting.

“The victim was shot once in the buttocks,” she said.

Crime scene tape covered the perimeter of the house at First and Lincoln almost all weekend as officers investigated, desperately trying to find out why this shooting happened in a normally quiet neighborhood.

“Sunday morning, the gun was retrieved,” Shirley said.

The incident itself is still under investigation and GPD is looking into the motivation, whether intentional or accidental. They are also investigating who fired the shot that wounded Brown, who was later flown to a Albuquerque hospital. They are currently waiting for Brown to be able to provide a statement. His current condition is unknown.

Anyone with information on the shooting is asked to contact GPD Detectives at (505) 863-9365.