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Beau was dead, and she fought ex for her life

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Staring into her boyfriend's eyes on a Brooklyn street, Timecca Lee never saw the gunman coming.

Lee and her boyfriend, Shabazz Muhammad, had just finished a conversation with her ex-lover. The discussion had been heated at times, but seemed to end calmly around 2 a.m. Sunday, she said.

The last thing her ex-boyfriend, Jermaine Barrett, 33, of Manhattan, said before walking over to his motorcycle in Prospect Lefferts Gardens was: "Let me give you what I have for you."

"Then he came out shooting," Lee, 27, of Brooklyn, recalled yesterday.

Barrett, who had bumped into Lee and Shabazz earlier at a Bronx skating rink, fired repeatedly, police said.

The first few shots wounded Muhammad, 27, at Washington Ave. near Lefferts Ave. As he lay



In recent photo, Timecca Lee poses with Shabazz Muhammad, who was allegedly killed by Lee's ex-boyfriend.

wounded, Barrett allegedly pointed his gun at Lee only to discover he was out of bullets. Lee said she fought for her life after Barrett pistol whipped her.

"I punched him in the face," she said. "He put me in a bear hug and lifted me off the ground."

Barrett allegedly grabbed another gun from his motorcycle and pulled Lee back to Muhammad's body. "Your man is dead," Barrett said, according to Lee.

"Then he shot him in the back of the head and Shabazz's body kinda jerked," Lee said.

Moments later, cops pulled up and confronted Barrett, who warned: "If you get any closer, I'm going to kill her."


"You don't understand how much I love you," he told Lee. "I don't want to live."


Cops shot Barrett twice after he shoved Lee toward them. He then shot himself in the chest, police said. Barrett was in stable condition yesterday and charges were pending against him.


After Barrett shot himself, Lee said she dashed back to her dead boyfriend. "I tried to hug him one more time," she said. "But the police dragged me away."


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