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*August 2, 2005* -- An ex-beau enraged with jealousy forced his former girlfriend to watch as he gunned down her new love in Brooklyn yesterday, then put a gun to her head in a standoff with cops before they shot him, police and the dead beau's kin said.

"Well, how do you like this?" Jermaine Barrett hissed to his ex-gal pal's new boyfriend, whipping out a .357 magnum after the trio began arguing at Flatbush and Washington avenues in Prospect Lefferts Gardens around 2 a.m., cops said.

Barrett, 33, then pumped four bullets into rival Shabazz Muhammad, police said.

Then, as the 27-year-old dad lay bleeding on the street, Barrett went back to his motorcycle, grabbed a 9mm gun, and returned to fire a single shot into Muhammad's eye, cops and Muhammad's kin said.

Barrett forced his former longtime girlfriend to watch her beau die by grabbing her face and turning it toward the shot man, Muhammad's family said, quoting investigators.

Then police said, Barrett pistol-whipped his terrified ex and pointed a gun at her head in front of cops, police said.

Then he pushed the woman away and toward the cops, who fired at him, hitting him twice in the leg, officials said.

Stumbling to the ground, Barrett took out his 9mm gun and shot himself in the chest, police said.

Rushed by ambulance to the hospital, he mumbled, "I should have shot myself in the head," authorities said.

The dead beau's sister, Abena Muhammad, said Barrett had harassed her brother for several weeks over seeing the woman, who she only identified as a 27-year-old named Tamecca from Syracuse.

Barrett and Shabazz Muhammad had originally planned to meet at the famed Junior's restaurant for a showdown, cops said, but that plan fell through. Muhammad had a pellet gun with him when shot.

"[Barrett] tricked him into meeting him to talk," Abena Muhammad said. "Shabazz didn't know anything was going to happen."



Crystal Adamson, the mother of Shabazz's 2-year-old daughter, said her ex was an "excellent dad" who worked as a nightclub security guard and as a mortgage processor.

*Additional reporting by Joe McGurk*

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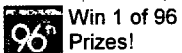
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