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Man Kills Ex-Girlfriend's Date, Then Shoots Himself, Police Say

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A Manhattan man shot and killed another man before shooting himself in the chest in a bizarre standoff with the police early yesterday in Brooklyn.

Police officials said that the suspect, Jermaine Barrett, 33, of Harlem, was in serious but stable condition at Kings County Hospital Center last night, and that charges against him were pending.

The victim, whom the police identified as Shabazz Muhammad, 27, of Brooklyn, had been dating Mr. Barrett's former girlfriend, Timeca Lee, 27, of Middletown, N.Y.

A police official said that Mr. Barrett saw Mr. Muhammad and Ms. Lee together at the Key Skating Center in the South Bronx, where Ms. Lee works as a security guard, around 11 p.m. on Sunday. After confronting each other, Mr. Barrett and Mr. Muhammad arranged to meet at Junior's restaurant in Brooklyn to talk, but later changed the meeting place to Washington and Lefferts Avenues near Prospect Park.

Ms. Lee left Mr. Muhammad at the meeting place, and when she returned to pick him up, Mr. Barrett told her he still wanted to see her, the police said. When Ms. Lee responded that their relationship was over, Mr. Barrett fired six shots at Mr. Muhammad, hitting him three times in the hip and once in the buttocks. Although his .357 revolver was empty, Mr. Barrett aimed the gun at Ms. Lee and pulled the trigger twice, the police said, before he retrieved a 9-millimeter gun from his motorcycle and shot Mr. Muhammad in the left eye, the police said.

By the time officers arrived at the scene, Mr. Barrett was using Ms. Lee as a shield, a gun pointed to her head, and he ignored orders to drop the weapon, the police said.

Mr. Barrett then pointed the gun at the officers, prompting two of them to fire three shots, hitting him in the left knee and thigh, the police said. At that point, he turned the gun on himself and fired once into his chest.

The police said Mr. Barrett later told officers and doctors that he should have shot himself in the head.

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