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A brawl involving dozens of people broke out at a Queens casino, with dozens of people throwing punches and tossing chairs, authorities said Saturday. (Published Saturday, Apr 4, 2015)

Police are asking for help finding a man who they say fired a gun in the parking lot of a Queens casino at the same time dozens of people were attacking each other in a food court brawl there.

Authorities found no one who had been injured by the gunfire, but used surveillance footage to track the suspect's movements, police said. The NYPD's Facial Recognition Unit identified him as 22-year-old Jaquan Roberts, police said. It wasn't immediately clear if Roberts had a lawyer.

The 911 call reporting gunfire in the parking lot of Resorts World Casino Friday night came in at the same time as a number of 911 calls reporting a massive brawl.

Police responding to the casino found dozens of people throwing punches and hurling chairs, authorities said.

Raw Video: Hundreds

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Caught Up in Brawl at Queens Casino



Raw video captured a brawl involving several hundred people that broke out at a Queens casino. Authorities say dozens of people were throwing punches and tossing chairs. (Published Saturday, Apr 4, 2015)

Three people were arrested and many more suffered minor injuries in the free-for-all, police said. One officer suffered a hand injury.

Police say hundreds of people watched and dozens participated.

A witness told NBC 4 New York that the melee started when two people argued about their place in line at a new Fat Tuesday daiquiri stand in the casino.

One of the arrested men was given a summons for disorderly conduct and released. Two others had previous warrants and were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and obstructing governmental administration.

A Resorts World Casino spokesman said in a statement that the casino's security had responded to the fight and worked to get it under control.

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"The safety of our patrons is Resorts World's top priority, and there is absolutely no room for this kind of behavior at our facility," the statement said. "We are reviewing all aspects of this unfortunate event and are fully committed to taking steps to ensure similar acts do not take place ever again."

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