

Suspect Killed by Police After Woman Is Fatally Shot Outside Queens Casino

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Investigators at the Resorts World Casino in Queens on Tuesday morning. A woman was found in her car with several fatal gunshot wounds to the torso. Cr
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Gunshots were fired early on Tuesday in the parking lot of the Resorts World Casino in Queens. The police were called, and officers discovered a 55-year-old woman slumped in her car, fatally wounded.

A suspect, a former boyfriend, then sent taunting messages to the woman's friend and called the woman's family. He was quickly tracked to East New York, Brooklyn, where three plainclothes officers shot and killed him in a hail of more than 20 bullets after he opened fire on them, the police said.

The police identified the gunman as Dalton Branch, 51, an ex-convict with a long history of arrests who lived in Brooklyn.

Mr. Branch was involved in "a prior relationship" with the woman he shot, Patricia Mohammed, said Robert K. Boyce, the chief of detectives for the [New York Police Department](#) .

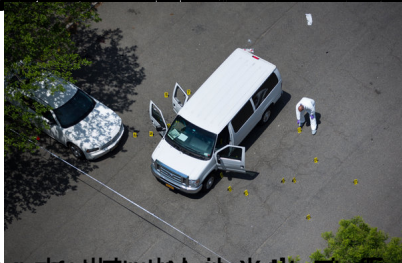
In the minutes after the shooting, Mr. Branch sent a series of harassing text messages to a man who was with Ms. Mohammed just before the shooting, but who was not injured, Chief Boyce said. In those messages Mr. Branch referred to himself as "the grim reaper," the chief said. He also called relatives of Ms. Mohammed, "taunting them as well," he said.

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