

7 killed in Michigan rampage shooting

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MICHIGAN. A man suspected of randomly opening fire in a Michigan town and shooting dead at least seven people, including a teenager, was arrested Sunday, US police said.

The suspect was apprehended at 12:40 am yesterday after a shooting rampage in the town of Kalamazoo on Saturday, police said. "We believe we have our suspect in custody," Lieutenant Dave Hines told a press conference.

Hines said that there were three separate shootings - one outside an apartment complex, another outside a car dealership, and the third at a chain restaurant.

Chief Jeff Hadley of the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety later described the man arrested as a "strong suspect," and told local media that the danger had passed.

The gunman's motives were as yet unclear, police said.

Several police agencies were involved in the case, and the death toll and profiles of those killed changed as details emerged.

Kalamazoo County Undersheriff Paul Matyas told CNN that seven people had been killed in the random shooting, while another person was wounded. Earlier police reports had put the death toll at between five and six.

All three shooting incidents appear to be related, Matyas said.