

Gunfire claims life of young activist

22-year-old spoke out
against gangs, violence

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After getting arrested for dealing drugs as a teen, Yusuf Shabazz turned his life around by getting into anti-gang and violence activism and warning other young people away from a lawless life on the street.

But the chaos the Newark resident warred against claimed the 22-year-old's life yesterday morning after a barrage of gunfire fatally wounded him and injured another man at a city apartment complex.



SHABAZZ

"His work was against violence and he died in violence," said Earl Best, a prominent activist known in Newark as the "Street Doctor" and who worked closely with Shabazz. "He's a good guy. He will be missed."

Newark police responded at 11:42 p.m. Tuesday to the Garden Spires, a twin high-rise complex on First Street, where they found Shabazz and another man suffering from multiple gunshot wounds to the upper torso and legs, said Detective Hubert Henderson, Newark police spokesman.

Both victims were rushed to University Hospital, where Shabazz died at 1:30 a.m., said Paul Loriguet, spokesman for the Essex County Prosecutor's Office. The other victim, a 21-year-old

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