

Police: Still No Answers In Harbor Shooting, Stabbing - July 4 Fireworks Marred By City Violence

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Police continued to look for clues Wednesday in connection with a pair of violent July 4 incidents at the Inner Harbor.

11 News I-Team lead investigative reporter Jayne Miller said no arrests have been made in either the shooting of a 4-year-old boy or the fatal stabbing of a man from Alabama. In the case of the boy, Miller reported Wednesday that police remain baffled by the source of the bullet.

The boy, Kavin Benson, is out of the hospital and is recovering at home. Investigators are backtracking the images taken by the city's crime cameras on Monday night, when the child was shot after a fireworks show. His father, Kevin Benson, said he heard a gunshot and went to an officer when he realized his son had been hit.

Authorities haven't been able to find evidence of any shooting that alarmed the crowd, Miller reported.

Police also have reported no progress in identifying the so-called person of interest in a fatal stabbing Monday night. Joseph Calo was cut in the neck during an altercation outside a restaurant. The photograph of the man police want to talk to was taken by a tourist.

Monday night's violence is causing concern about the perception of the Inner Harbor. The city councilman who represents the area called the incidents isolated, but reason to look at how large events might be handled differently.

"I don't know that you necessarily change everything just because of one or two isolated events," Councilman Bill Cole said. "But it certainly causes you to step back, take a look, evaluate whether we should be changing things, look at what other cities are doing, look at what's happening in other cities and make sure there are not trends we're not catching on to."

Cole is a big supporter of the grand prix that is set for Labor Day weekend around the Harbor. He said he has no concerns about security for that event because it's a ticketed event with no opportunity for large crowds to mill about, Miller reported.