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Early Morning Shooting Leaves Two Dead in Downtown Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D.—Victor King, 21, Mandan and Jesus Vera-Leon, 35, Bismarck are dead this morning after an exchange of gunfire that occurred in a downtown Bismarck bar parking lot.

Bismarck Police Officers responded to a shots fired call around 12:30 am this morning in the parking lot located at 115 S 5th St. Two officers were near the area and could hear the gunfire as well and immediately responded. King and Vera-Leon suffered gunshot wounds and were transported to local hospitals and pronounced dead.

The Investigations Division of Bismarck Police Department responded to the scene and began an investigation. They are currently looking through video of the incident and have interviewed numerous witnesses. The investigation is ongoing and we are requesting information from the public who witnessed this and have not talked with police. If you witnessed this, please contact Bismarck Police Department at (701)223-1212 and ask for the investigation section or, anonymously by downloading the Bismarck Police Department app, visiting https://www.tip411.com/tips/new?alert_group_id=21828 or texting **BISPD** and your tip to **847411**.

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