Neighborhood Reacts to Arrest in Shaw Case

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The words have been passed down through the ages, but Thursday night, on Dewey Avenue and Driving Park Avenue in Rochester, "thou shall not kill" has new meaning.

"You know that the person is captured, they're not still running around free," said resident Barbara Bennett. "Murderers, and that's what they are."

While the arrest in the high-profile case doesn't bring Latasha Shaw back, for people who live and work nearby that prominent corner, there's less reason to look over your shoulder.

"When something happens in a neighborhood, it should concern the entire neighborhood," said Jennifer Wolfley of Grace Urban Ministries. "I too will feel very resolved."

The ripple effect of the arrest of Ebony Mack goes well beyond the corner of Dewey and Driving Park. It was felt at School #7, where educators said they can broaden lessons they've already taught about Shaw's murder.

"I took them down there, because I wanted to see what the act of violence was. Now, I'm going to take them back down there to let them know that there's closure to it," said Eric Kittles, who runs an afterschool program. Kittles said his elementary school students need to know that one person, or one act of violence, can change a lot.

"They really have to see that their actions, and other people's actions, can really effect the community as a whole," said Kittles.

If these arrests can heal, and at the same time become a teaching tool, the mantra on this street corner might one day be a given.

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