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Man shot following road-rage incident in Urbana

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URBANA — A man is in the ICU unit of an Urbana hospital after being shot following a road-rage incident Saturday afternoon, police said.

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Around 4:30 p.m., Urbana police were called to the intersection of Busey Avenue and Park Street, where they learned of an incident that took place near Five Points.

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According to police, a vehicle driven by a female with a male passenger engaged in a verbal altercation at an intersection with a male driving by himself. After the solo driver drove past the other car, the duo followed him.

The man drove into Carle Foundation Hospital's emergency department parking lot, then got onto Park "to create distance between him and the following vehicle," police said.

The pursuit ended on Park, where both people in the double-occupied vehicle got out – the woman armed with a baseball bat. The solo driver indicated that the male passenger "had his hand underneath his shirt and he believed that he was armed with a weapon" as he approached the car.

The driver, a concealed-carry permit holder, "drew a legally concealed firearm and fired several rounds, striking the male passenger," police said.

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The driver who fired the shots then called 911.

The male passenger who'd been shot underwent surgery at a local hospital and is in intensive care, police said.

No arrests have been made. The investigation is ongoing, police said.

Urbana Police ask that anyone with more information call 217-384-2320. Arrangements can be made for information to be shared privately. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous may also submit tips to Crime Stoppers by phone at 217-373-TIPS (217-373- 8477), online at 373tips.com or the "P3 Tips" mobile app.

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