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Her ex kills beau, then shoots self

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A jealous man gunned down his ex-girlfriend's new lover as she watched in horror early yesterday on a Brooklyn street - and then used her as a human shield during a gunfight with cops, police sources said.

Holding a pistol to his ex-girlfriend's head, Jermaine Barrett, 33, repeatedly ignored demands by cops to drop his gun around 2a.m. in Prospect Lefferts Gardens, police said.

Cops shot Barrett in his knee and side after he freed Timecca Lee, pushing her toward police. He then shot himself in the chest, police said.

"I should have shot myself in the head," Barrett told paramedics as they rushed him to Kings County Hospital, a police source said.

Moments before the standoff on Washington Ave., Barrett emptied a .357-magnum revolver into Lee's boyfriend, Shabazz Muhammad, 27, cops said.

As Muhammad lay wounded, Barrett pulled out a 9-mm. handgun and shot the Brooklyn man through the left eye, killing him, police said. Barrett also allegedly pistol-whipped Lee, 27.

Barrett, of Manhattan, was in serious condition last night and charges were pending against him.


Police sources said Barrett had bumped into Lee and Muhammad earlier at the Skate Key roller rink in Mott Haven, the Bronx.


Over the past four years, at least 18 people have been shot or stabbed - two fatally - inside or in connection with the E.138th St. rink.

Barrett argued briefly with Muhammad and Lee inside the rink but all three eventually agreed to meet later at Junior's, the famed eatery on Brooklyn's Flatbush Ave., a police source said.


Before arriving at the restaurant, Barrett called Lee on her cell phone and changed the meeting place to Washington Ave., near Lefferts Ave., the source said. Lee left the men alone to make peace, the source said. When she returned, Barrett allegedly flew into a rage and pulled out his gun.

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