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Bullets blew out the glass and punched holes in the suspects' black Hyundai. The dead man was shot twice in the head and at least 20 times in the body, sources said. The FBI said the suspects fired first during a car stop. An eyewitness said agents fired first.

Shootout on Broad Street leaves 1 dead

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three times in the chest but was protected by his vest.

Macko was taken to Temple University Hospital. Turck, 34, underwent wrist reconstruction surgery late yesterday afternoon, while Macko, 44, was kept sedated in the intensive-care unit, a hospital official said.

Last night, Macko was in stable condition, a hospital spokeswoman said. Turck was listed in good condition after his surgery.

The dead man was identified as Germaine Lipscomb, 31, of the 4200 block of North Hicks Street. Sources at the scene said Lipscomb was shot twice in the head and at least 20 times in the body.

Melvin Williams, 19, who also lives in 4200 block of North Hicks Street, and Fermaine Jackson, 20, of the 4400 block of North 19th Street, were wounded. Jackson was listed in fair condition last night. Medical Center. Williams was in good condition at Albert Einstein Medical Center.

Warren Caldwell, whose address and age couldn't be determined last night, was in Temple.

FBI Director Louis Freeh visited the wounded agents yesterday afternoon at Temple.

He praised Turck and Macko in a statement released by the bureau. He wouldn't comment on the investigation that led to the shooting, or the subsequent probe into the shooting.

Robert C. Bratter, special agent in charge of the Philadelphia office of the FBI, said agents, along with the Philadelphia police detective, were following the suspects as part of their work with the "Violent Traffickers Project," an interagency organization of law enforcement agencies to deal with drug-dealing organizations.

Bratter said the agents, in three cars, were "trailing the suspects' vehicle" when they decided to stop it. At the time of the shooting, the Hyundai was in the left lane, just at the intersection with Hunting Park Avenue. There were two law enforcement vehicles to the right, second and third in line behind the Hyundai.

As witnesses to the shooting, After the shootout, the Hyundai was riddled with bullet holes, its windows were blasted out and the pavement was littered with spent shell casings.

The three FBI vehicles appeared not to have been damaged.

Bratter said right after the shooting that he was "not sure" what had happened, but that he said the suspects fired first.

FBI Agent Linda Vist, the local agency's spokesperson, said later in the day that the agents had identified themselves before approaching the Hyundai, and ordered them out of the car.

"I was a car stop," said Vist. "Part of an ongoing investigation. It was a drug investigation.

"The agents identified themselves and directed the defendants to get out of the car. The defendants didn't comply, and began to flee.

Police Commissioner Philadelphia police detective Lamont Morton, 32, who was assigned to the task force, fired six shots, emptying his Smith & Wesson .38 police service revolver, Bratter said. Morton was taken to the police Internal Affairs Division for questioning, police said, and was routinely removed from street duty pending the outcome of the FBI investigation.

An eyewitness during yesterday's shooting contradicted the FBI's version of events.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, the witness said that the agents fired first, without provocation.

"The car was stopped there, see," the witness said. "The boys didn't shoot anyone. I saw the cops get out and start shooting at the boys. The way I saw it, the cops were wrong, and that's the society we live in."

Police and FBI agents interviewed the witness immediately after the shooting.

"They kept on those boys and asked me the same questions over and over," the witness said. "They wanted me to say that the boys fired first. I just kept saying no."

The witness said it appeared to him that the boys in the car had been tipped by their own cronies.

"I told you the cops shot each other," the witness said. "There was one cop on this side of the car and one on that side. They shot each other."

James Bivens, a security guard at the McDonald's restaurant across the intersection from the shooting, said that a patron whose van was hit by a bullet told him that the FBI agents were the first to fire.

Both wounded FBI agents were conscious when they were brought into Temple Hospital's emergency room, Bivens said.

Macko was immediately ordered heavily, in an effort to make sure he would have no difficulty breathing. Despite the sedation, Heckman said, Macko managed to pull out his oxygen and warned the doctor about a cocked and loaded gun.

"He said, 'Get my gun. I have a cocked gun, watch out,'" said Heckman. The gun was in Macko's jacket pocket.

Heckman said the slug, which hit Macko on the chin, exited, then reentered his neck, could easily have severed his spine, his windpipe, and major artery — all potentially fatal injuries.

The bullet lodged behind Macko's collarbone on the right side, and Heckman said it was there that Macko has been an agent for 21 years.

Turck underwent surgery late yesterday afternoon for what Heckman said would be "extensive reconstruction" on his left wrist. Turck, a former FBI veteran, is right-handed.

"Both agents were exceptionally stoic. Macko was courteous, he was brave, he was public, he was in no pain," Heckman said. "I mean, they were very businesslike."

The last shooting of an FBI agent in Pennsylvania was in 1966, said Vist, when Agent Terry Anderson was killed in a bank robbery in Wyoming, while trying to apprehend someone. Vist said the last shooting of an agent anywhere in the country was in Kansas City more than a year ago.

The Violent Traffickers Project, the interagency organization to which Macko and Turck are assigned, was formed by the U.S. Justice Department in 1988. The idea is to coordinate the efforts of the federal drug agencies and reduce rivalries between the various agencies.

Since then, the unit has focused on prosecuting entire drug gangs, rather than individual dealers. The defendants are indicted in federal court, where they face long terms, will be allowed to post bail, and where they face stiff mandatory sentences with no likelihood of early release due to prison overcrowding.

Besides the agents from the FBI, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the U.S. Attorney's Office, city narcotics police, the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, the Pennsylvania State Police and the federal Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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