

# FBI, drug suspects in shootout on Broad Street



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Investigators examine a car that carried four drug suspects. Gunfire broke out at 11:15 a.m. One suspect was killed; two of his associates and two FBI agents were wounded.

Bystanders ducked for cover. One suspect was killed and four other participants were wounded.

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A roaring gun battle between FBI agents and drug suspects — in the middle of North Broad Street, in the middle of the day — left one suspect dead yesterday and four other men wounded.

When the shooting at the intersection of Broad and Hunting Park Avenue stopped, two FBI agents and two of the drug suspects were wounded and a third suspect, a 23-year-old Nicetown man, lay dead in the street.

On one side the battle involved four FBI agents and a Philadelphia police detective, who were working

as part of a special anti-drug task force. On the other side were four men who were under investigation by the task force.

The gunfire began about 11:15 a.m. and sent bystanders diving for cover. Last night the two wounded suspects were in custody at area hospitals, while a fourth — who wasn't wounded — was detained, in expectation that he would be arraigned later today.

FBI officials said the shootout came in the midst of a long-term

drug investigation; they said their agents fired only after the suspects began shooting. One eyewitness disputed that account, saying the agents were the first to fire.

One police investigator, who didn't want to be named, said the FBI agents and the suspects recognized one another about the same moment. He said that the suspects were heavily armed, and that several weapons were found in their car.

FBI Agent Richard K. Macko was hit in the chin and neck by a slug

that threaded its way between his windpipe, esophagus, carotid artery and jugular vein without squarely hitting any of them, though his jugular was bruised or nicked. The slug, which trauma surgeon Robert F. Buckman Jr. said was "a big one" — at least .38 caliber — also made "a close pass" by Macko's voicebox.

Another bullet shattered the left wrist of FBI Agent Timothy B. Turck. Both agents were wearing bullet-proof vests; Turck was reportedly hit

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