



Wounded officer arrests suspect

► Le Sueur police officer gets shot in the head, but stops student who threatened to shoot up school

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LE SUEUR — A Le Sueur police officer was shot in the head Thursday while arresting a heavily armed Le Sueur-Henderson High School student who had threatened to "shoot up" the school.

Sgt. Tom Nelson, who was in fair condition at North Memorial Hospital in Robbinsdale Thursday night, managed to subdue the 16-year-old suspect, handcuff him and lead him

out of the building despite profuse bleeding from the gunshot wound.

The wound was a glancing blow from a shell fired by a 22-caliber handgun. The bullet entered the skin above Nelson's left eye, exiting an inch or two away without



Nelson

piercing the skull, according to Investigator Dave Glizinski of the Le Sueur County Sheriff's Office.

The suspect was carrying the handgun with nine rounds of ammunition when he entered the school about 9:30 a.m. In his vehicle, however, he had an SKS semi-automatic assault rifle with 50 rounds of ammunition and additional rounds for the handgun, Glizinski said. And there are strong indications the teen intended to use them.

"We had information from the fact that he was going in there to kill someone or take hostages," Glizinski said.

The suspect won't be identified until he is charged either today or Monday.

Nelson's ability to subdue and arrest the rural Scott County boy was credited with preventing any further bloodshed. Despite holding gauze to his heavily bleeding wound, Nelson wouldn't let go of the suspect until he was out of the school and in the

hands of other officers.

"He did his job until the minute he was put into the ambulance," Le Sueur Police Chief Harry Thorau said of the 21-year veteran of the city police force.

"He's a hero," said Supt. Harold Larson.

Keeping the presence of mind after catching a round at close range and subduing the suspect was

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Hy-Vee Chairman Ron Pearson (left) and store manager Kevin Hormann look over the deli and fresh-food section of the new store set to open Tuesday.

Brett Groehler

Shakopee viewed as site for stadium

► Scott County officials ready to step up to plate if Minneapolis strikes out

SHAKOPEE (AP) — If Minneapolis voters don't want to spend money on a new stadium, Scott County officials say they could step in and build one in Shakopee.

"With the potential for a referendum issue in the city of Minneapolis, there may be a difficulty in making that site happen," said Brian Nasti, the acting Scott County administrator. "So we want to be out there as a possibility if that doesn't come together."

While a Minneapolis riverfront site has emerged as the top location so far, a referendum is on the Nov. 4 ballot that could limit the city's contribution to the project.

In another development, one gubernatorial candidate sought to make a campaign issue of the project.

Twins president Jerry Bell said the team is open to the idea of a stadium in Shakopee.

"We would certainly have to know more about it," Bell said. "It has a couple of things going for it. One is you would have huge parking income. Second is

that it is not far from the demographic area we draw from, like Eden Prairie, Apple Valley, Burnsville, Rosemount and Lakeville."

Bill Lester, executive director of the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission, said, "The problem is, for baseball especially, the ones that succeed are the ones that are near the [downtown] core."

Mark McNeill, Shakopee city administrator, said he thinks Shakopee would be a good site.

"Between Mystic Lake, Valleyfair, Canterbury Park and the Renaissance Festival, it does seem to be a natural fit," he said.

The stirrings in Shakopee came as some members of the special legislative task force on stadium funding met privately Wednesday to discuss funding proposals.

The task force co-chairman, Sen. Keith Langseth, DFL-Glyndon, said he now prefers Indian contributions as a stadium funding plan.

Tribes that operate casinos in Minnesota collect cigarette, alcohol, gasoline and other sales taxes from casino-related businesses and remit about half of

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Bus kills student