

NBC Nightly News with Tom Llamas

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking News; College Student Killed]

TOM LLAMAS: Campus in fear, 18-year-old student shot and killed steps from her Chicago college, the killer still on the loose.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking News; College Student Shot to Death]

LLAMAS: We're back now with a desperate search in Chicago to find the person who shot and killed a college freshman out with friends near campus. Here's Sam Brock.

SAM BROCK: Tonight's Chicago police on an urgent man not for the person responsible for the shocking slaying of 18-year-old college student Sheridan Gorman.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking News; Manhunt in Chicago for College Student's Killer]

POLICE OFFICER: We've got shots fired. It was a male in a ski man wearing all black.

BROCK: Police say Gorman was out with three friends around 1:30 a.m., minutes from Loyola Chicago on Lake Michigan when a man approached them by the pier of this beach and fired a single shot.

CHICAGO 49th WARD ALDERMAN MARIA HADDEN: Miss Sheridan Gorman was kind of just the first in the group and the person they ran into shot her.

BROCK: Police say no one else was injured and they have not identified a motive as a campus finds itself on edge. This student, who wanted to remain anonymous, describing what he heard early Thursday morning to NBC Chicago.

ANONYMOUS STUDENT: I got out of bed and I just heard the screaming they were saying come help us. We're over here.

JIM PUGLIESE: You gravitated to her. She had just this inner glow about her.

BROCK: Jim Pugliese is a neighbor of the Gorman family in Yorktown, New York. His daughter telling him about the moment her high school heard the news.

PUGLIESE: She goes, “Dad, you could just hear the cries and the screams down the hallways.”

BROCK: Gorman’s family says Sheridan made people feel “seen, safe and loved,” sharing in the statement. “We trusted that she would be safe. That trust was broken.” [CHURCH BELL RINGS] As her father tonight conveying one message, “tell everyone to go hug their kids.” Sam Brock, NBC News.