

# Mom mourns death of her son

## Shooting results in city's 28th homicide.

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Tange Noble saw her son briefly on St. Paul Street on Friday, two days before he was found fatally shot on a Karnes Street sidewalk.

"He said, 'Hi, Mom,' and he waved and he kept right on going," Noble said Monday. "I hadn't seen him in a while."

Sunday morning, Noble was told that her son, Willie Holmes III, had been killed. Police sent her a photo of him so she could identify him officially.

"I kept thinking, 'How am I going to deal with this? How am I going to deal with this?'" Noble said Monday, taking a break from making funeral arrangements for her 24-year-old son. "I've never dealt with anything like this."

Police said Holmes was killed about 2:30 a.m. Sunday and found in front of 62 Karnes St.

His death may be connected to an altercation



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Tange Noble says her son, Willie Holmes III, who was killed early Sunday morning, had a tough life but was turning it around. "He was a good kid," she says.



Holmes

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earlier in the day, police and Noble said.

Noble said she's been told that her son had a fight with a woman on Lake Avenue that day that might have escalated and involved others later.

Noble said that her son had a difficult time with school from the beginning. He had anger issues at a young age, she said, and spent time locked up in youth detention centers and then in Monroe County Jail. But since that jail time, he has not gone back, she said.

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## Holmes

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had some issues and he had a tough life," Noble said.

That included the death of his 3-year-old daughter, Kamari Mona Allen-Holmes, who died in 2008 from injuries she received in a fire that year.

And his cousin, Alfred Oliver Jr., was killed in September 2008 while driving on Aberdeen Street.

Oliver's mother, Angel Holmes, now reaches out to other mothers who have lost their children. She does so, she said, because she wants to help break the cycle of violence that has gripped the city, and not give killers the satisfaction of destroying even more than a life.

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**TANGE NOBLE**  
mother of Willie Holmes III

families of murder victims. "If you can learn to walk victoriously, even after something like this, you don't have to be a victim. But these perpetrators, sometimes they like to see that they bring a whole family down. We don't have to let that happen."

Noble was one of three people killed in Rochester since Thursday. He is the 28th homicide of the year — which matches the total for all of 2009. □

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