

Unintentional Self-inflicted and Another-inflicted

Were any of the self-inflicted wounds attempted suicides?

No. Data from the SFGH ED, Trauma Registry, and police did not indicate that any of these self-inflicted injuries were attempted suicides.

Where did the another-inflicted shootings take place?

The 2 unintentional shootings by another person each took place at the suspect's place of residence.

What were the circumstances of the another-inflicted shootings?

The shooter (who was contemplating suicide) unintentionally pulled the trigger and shot his friend who was not the intended target. Also, there was a single case of a shooter who thought that he had cleared the chamber when he fired the gun.

Was there any information on how the firearm was stored?

One of the firearms that were used in the another-inflicted shootings was stored at home in a closet.

What were the circumstances of the self-inflicted injuries?

Negligent handling of the gun, holstering/unholstering of the gun, unintentionally pulling the trigger and defective gun malfunction.

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Characteristics of Incidents and Victims

There were 5 victims who reportedly unintentionally shot themselves and 2 who were victims of unintentional shootings by another person. None of these injuries resulted in death. All of the victims were males. The race/ethnicity of the victims who sustained a self-inflicted wound were 3 African Americans, 1 Hispanic, and 1 White. One of the 2 victims who were unintentionally shot by another was African American, and the other was White.

The ages of the victims who reported a self-inflicted injury ranged from 20 to 44, and a single victim was 66. Both of the victims who were unintentionally shot by another were youths aged between 15 and 19.

With one year of data, it is not possible to determine any seasonal patterns in these injuries. However, the self-inflicted injuries all occurred between 7:30 a.m. and 11:30 p.m., while both of the injuries that resulted from another-inflicted shootings occurred around 11:30 p.m. The unintentional injuries that were inflicted by another person both occurred indoors, while 4 of the self-inflicted injuries occurred outdoors, with one occurring at an unknown location. None of the self-inflicted or another-inflicted injuries occurred at the victim's place of residence. Two of the 5 self-inflicted injuries occurred at a public housing site. All of the victims lived less than 4 miles from the incident, with the exception of the one victim for whom the incident location was not known. The victim with an unknown injury location was a resident of Santa Clara County, and all of the other victims of self-inflicted and another-inflicted injuries were SF residents.

The neighborhoods in which the self-inflicted injuries occurred were Potrero Hill (2), Ingleside / Excelsior/Crocker Amazon (1), Bayview/Hunter's Point (1), and one was unknown. The unintentional shootings by another person took place in the Ingleside/Excelsior/Crocker Amazon and Outer Richmond neighborhoods.

Victims of self-inflicted injuries resided in the neighborhoods of Potrero Hill and Ingleside/Excelsior/Crocker Amazon.

Both another-inflicted shootings occurred at the suspect's residence. The self-inflicted injuries occurred on the street (2), one in a car, one in a motel, and one at an unknown location.

The precincts in which the initial police reports were filed for the self-inflicted injuries were Bayview (3), Ingleside (1), and 1 was unknown. Reports of the 2 incidents of unintentional shooting by another person were filed at Taraval and Gang SID. Of the self-inflicted injuries, none were related to work.

For 3 of the 5 self-inflicted injuries and for both of the another-inflicted shootings EMS responded to the scene. The 2 victims who did not use EMS were brought into SFGH by a friend or family member. All of the victims were seen in the ED. Of the self-inflicted incident victims, 4 were treated in the ED and released and 1 was admitted to the hospital. Both of the victims who were unintentionally shot by another person were admitted to the hospital. The 3 victims

who were admitted stayed in the hospital for periods of between less than 1 day to 3 days. All 3 victims were then discharged home. One of the victims used public funds to pay for hospital charges and 2 had private insurance.

The 2 victims who were unintentionally shot by another person were friends of the suspect, with no gang-relation circumstances. Of the self-inflicted injuries, none was reported as being gang-related; however, there were 2 victims for whom gang relation was not determined.

Four of the five self-inflicted injury victims had prior SF criminal histories. The number of prior felony charges ranged from 4 to 12 and misdemeanors ranged from 1 to 12. Duration of prior contacts ranged from less than a year to almost 28 years. Neither of the 2 victims who were unintentionally shot by another person had a prior criminal history.

The reported circumstances that led to the self-inflicted injury were: negligent handling of the gun, holstering/unholstering of the gun, unintentionally pulling the trigger, and defective gun malfunction.

The shooter in one of these shootings by another person incidents had reportedly been having suicidal ideations all day, when he unintentionally pulled the trigger and shot his friend. This firearm was reportedly stored in his father's closet. The other unintentional incident occurred when the friend of the victim was curious about the gun. He had removed the magazine and drew the slide back 3 times to clear the chamber and thought that the chamber was cleared, and it subsequently fired and shot his friend.

Of the self-inflicted injuries, 4 victims had injuries resulting from a single bullet and one victim was struck by multiple bullets, resulting in 3 incidents with single and 2 incidents with multiple wounds. Three of these wounds occurred in the lower extremities and 2 in the upper extremities. A single bullet was fired in both of the another-inflicted shootings resulting in one incident with a single and one incident with multiple wounds. One of the another-inflicted shootings resulted in a wound in the upper extremities and there were 2 injuries to the head of the other victim (1 head and 1 brain).

There were 7 firearms involved in these injuries. All were handguns with a conventional or semi-automatic firing mechanism, with the exception of a single incident with an unknown type of firearm. Both guns were recovered in the another-inflicted shooting incidents and two were reported as being recovered in the self-inflicted injury incidents. A medium caliber gun was used in both of the unintentional shootings. However, in the self-inflicted injury incidents calibers ranged from small (1), to medium (2), to large (1), and one was unknown. The small caliber firearm was used by a victim aged over 65, victims aged 20 to 24 used 1 each of medium and large caliber firearms, 1 victim with an unknown age was shot by a medium caliber firearm, and 1 victim of unknown age was shot with an unknown caliber.

The reported makes of the known firearms used in these self-inflicted injury incidents included a single instance each of: Llama, Harrington & Richardson, and 3 unknown makes; a Glock and a Taurus were used in unintentionally another-inflicted injury incidents.