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by St. Paul police also are absurd.

“There’s a shooting so here’s the media again,” said one man. “A TV station was here and they were trying to make this into some sort of Plukey Duke story. (Plukey Duke recently was found guilty of heading a large cocaine-dealing operation in the Twin Cities.) TV’s here, you’re here. All the media does is try to make everything sensational.”

“If you want to do the real story,” said another man, “why don’t you find out why it took the police so long to get here?”

Indeed, the police response to a call from the center reporting that there had been a shooting was considerably slower than usual. Police records show that medics arrived at the center three minutes after police were called, but police officers didn’t arrive until 10 minutes after being called.

Police officials say the response time was slow because at almost the same time that they received a call from the center about the shooting, they received another call about a stabbing incident only a few blocks from the center.