

# Rams player hospitalized after shooting Patriots

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MIAMI — Suspended St. Louis Rams wide receiver Stedman Bailey was hospitalized in critical but stable condition on Wednesday after being shot in a car near his Miami-area hometown.

Bailey was expected to undergo surgery, according to the Miami Gardens Police Department, which is investigating the Tuesday night shooting.

Bailey was in a car with four other people, including

two minors, at a private residence when another vehicle arrived and someone in it opened fire, police said in a statement.

The victims drove themselves to a hospital for treatment, police said.

Antwan Reeves, who was in the car with Bailey, went into surgery soon after arriving at the hospital. The three other passengers in the vehicle were uninjured, police said.

St. Louis Rams officials said in a statement they were aware of the incident

and had spoken to Bailey.

"We are gathering facts about the situation and will provide updates as we learn more," the statement said.

Bailey, 25, began serving a four-game suspension on Nov. 9 for violating the NFL's substance-abuse policy. Bailey posted an apology on his Instagram account when he was suspended, saying he put his coaches and teammates in a "bad position by regrettably partaking in a disgraceful activity."

Bailey, who played at West Virginia University, was selected in the third round by the Rams in the 2013 NFL Draft. He has 12 receptions for 182 yards and one touchdown in eight games this season.

Bailey also was suspended four games in 2014 for violating the league's policy on performance-enhancing drugs but that suspension was ultimately shortened to two games.

The NFL players union said it had no immediate comment.

## Patriots

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foremost," safety Devin McCourty said. "It was a total team effort. We've got to try to keep it rolling."

With four Super Bowl rings in his jewelry box, Brady knows what it takes to reach ultimate NFL success. He knows it's not easy to win in the NFL and that the long season plays itself out in various ways. Sometimes even the best offense in the league is propelled to victory by its much-questioned, theoretically complementary defense.

"It feels good to win. It's obviously hard to get to this point," Brady said of the now 10-0 Patriots. "Every team goes through different things, and we've kind of withstood a lot. So, we'll just keep fighting."

Fighting with a defense that for at least one week is No. 1 in the NFL in points allowed has been the key to victories. Few would have seen that coming this offseason with the departures of cornerbacks Darrelle Revis and Brandon Browner and nose tackle Vince Wilfork.

But right now, it is what it is.

**'Rex Ryan'**  
Brady could be heard on ESPN Monday Night Football yelling out a "Rex Ryan" call in the win over the Bills at Gillette Stadium. Utilizing the name of the controversial, outspoken opposing head coach immediately drew attention on Twitter and as such, Brady was asked about it to open up his post-game press conference after the 20-13 hard fought victory that kept the Patriots undefeated.

"We have a lot of things that are kind of in the play-book, so that's one of them," Brady said, before declaring it was not any message to the Bills' head coach. "No, just communication on offense. We use a lot of terms."

He did admit that the verbal

call utilizing the name of an opposing coach was unusual.

"We've used a lot of things in the past. We have a lot of unusual terms. I think we run the gamut. So we've got to get creative and think of different things, so that one is pretty unique," Brady said.

**White filling larger role**  
Running back James White will clearly be expected to fill a larger role on the New England offense with Dion Lewis (ACL) on injured reserve. The second-year former fourth-round pick certainly made the most of his limited touches in Monday night's win over Buffalo. White notched a key 20-yard catch-and-run touchdown late in the first half to give the Patriots a 10-3 lead on the first score of his career. He added a 6-yard touchdown run in the second half.

White finished with two carries for 14 yards and two catches for 32 yards, including New England's only two touchdowns on the night.

"It felt good," White said of easily his most impactful game in his year-plus in New England. "Anything I can do to help this team win I'm going to try and do it and it felt good to put some points on the board."

"I'm just playing confident regardless whatever the situation is. I want to be a confident football player, whether it's catching the ball, running the ball or blocking. Whatever I can do to help this team."

**Dobson sidelined**  
WR Aaron Dobson (foot/ankle) was helped off the field by New England medical staff in the first half of Monday night's win. The third-year receiver was then carted from the bench area to the locker room and did not return. Reports indicated X-rays showed no broken bones, but he has a high ankle sprain and is not expected to play Sunday against the Broncos. He has caught 13 passes for 141 yards this season.

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layup off a Gustafsson pass on the next possession.

Koizar's 3-pointer pushed the lead to 37-27 with 6:40 left in the quarter and elicited a Central Connecticut timeout. Musgrave ended the Blue Devils' lull with a shot from the lane, but two Swan foul shots and Wood's fast-break hoop pushed the bulge to 41-29 with 4:42 to play.

Central Connecticut never got closer than 10 after that.

The Black Bears emerged from a tight first half with a slim 29-27 lead. The Blue Devils found holes in UMaine's defense and went 12-for-24 from the field.

The saving grace for the Black Bears was Koizar, who scored the last six points of the half in a span of 1:25 to provide a needed spark.

"Just being aggressive with it," Koizar said of her mindset. "If I'm being aggressive, it'll set up things for other people, and that's what I saw in the second half."



Central Connecticut's Camden Musgrave (left) falls while trying to guard University of Maine's Mikeala Gustafsson (center) on Wednesday at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor. UMaine won 62-42.

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(2-4) of Farmville, Virginia, with 17 points and nine rebounds, Leron Fisher tallied 15 points, and Khrist Lane added 11 points and nine rebounds.

The Bears led by six at

halftime and extended it with a 15-8 run. Till Gloger scored from underneath off an Ilija Stojiljkovic feed, then Little answered a 3-pointer by Longwood's Darrion Allen with an 18-footer.

Allen made another long jumper, but Little drained a 3-pointer and Eke banked in a 10-footer. Then, after

Shields converted a conventional three-point play, Beal and Little hit 3-pointers 28 seconds apart to make it 58-43 with 13:32 left.

Longwood chipped away and rallied within 73-66 on two Fisher free throws with 5:26 left, but Eke made two foul shots and dunked in transition off a Calixte feed

to keep UMaine in front.

"We can't go into a prevent offense," Walsh said. "To win games, you've got to keep playing."

"I thought we won that game by making shots. That looks good and it's fun, but we've got to be tough enough when those shots, when they're not going in, to dig in and get stops."

## Warriors

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"There have been a lot of guys who have played in the league and nobody has accomplished what this team has tonight," Curry gushed. "We have to be proud of those kinds of moments. We will celebrate a little and look forward to [the next game]."

Only three teams have won more than 20 NBA games in a row. The Warriors' next target will be the 22 in a row recorded by the Houston Rockets during the 2007-08 season.

Golden State's next two games are Friday at Phoenix and Saturday at home against the Sacramento Kings.

The Lakers hold the NBA record for most consecutive wins with 33, set in the 1971-72 season. The Miami Heat won 27 straight in 2012-13.

If the Warriors were to reach 33, it would come on Christmas Day against the Cleveland Cavaliers, whose

LeBron James was the star of the Heat team that won 27 in a row three seasons ago.

"The sky is the limit," Green boasted. "Who knows how long it could go?"

Added Walton, "Anything's possible. But is (33) likely to happen? No."

"Eventually, we will lose." Backup guard Leandro Barbosa (13 points) and shooting guard Klay Thompson (11) also scored in double figures for the Warriors, who shot 48.9 percent from the field en route to recording a sixth straight home win over the Lakers.

The Warriors had 32 assists and just eight turnovers in the game.

"It feels great, especially the way we did it," Walton said. "During the streak, we had slippage. To actually break the record on a night when we were sharing the ball and not turning it over ... that makes it even that much more special."

Power forward Julius

Randle and backups Lou Williams and Larry Nance Jr. had 10 points apiece to pace Los Angeles, which shot just 37.8 percent from the field and missed 17 of its 20 3-point attempts.

Lakers star Kobe Bryant was held to four points on 1-for-14 shooting. It was his lowest output of the season, having scored in double figures in each of his previous 10 contests.

"I could have scored 80 tonight," insisted Bryant, whose shooting effort matched a career-worst, "and it wouldn't have made a (darn) difference."

The game was tied at 5-5 in the fourth minute of the game before the Warriors blew it open with a 25-6 flurry to end the first period.

Curry's first of four 3-pointers triggered the runaway.

The Warriors extended their lead to 22 points in the second quarter and 34 by the end of the third before coasting home to their 11th double-digit win of the young season.

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