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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL



**Tyamonee Johnson was a graduate student and football player at Wagner College.**

# Wagner player slain in Maryland

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Tyamonee Johnson, a graduate student and football player at Wagner College, was shot and killed Sunday night in Oxon Hill, Maryland, according to police in Prince George's County.

Police officers were called to the 1700 block of Mystic Avenue around 7:40 p.m. on Sunday after a report of a shooting. The victim was located outside suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Johnson, 22, was pronounced dead on the scene.

Detectives do not believe the shooting was random, according to a police report.

A native of Fort Washington, Maryland, Johnson earned his undergraduate degree in May 2018 and competed as a fifth-year member of the football team in 2018 as a graduate student while pursuing an MBA.

"This has obviously been an extremely difficult day for everyone associated with

## Johnson

**FROM B1** our football program and Wagner College as a whole," said Wagner College head football coach Jason Houghtaling. "Above all, we offer our thoughts and prayers to the Johnson family.

"I feel inadequate right now as far as finding the right words to describe Tyamonee and his incredible spirit. 'T' had a way of making everyone feel better, no matter the situation. I will be forever grateful for all the lessons he taught me and so many others."

"In this day of grief for the Johnson family, the Wagner campus community has a

broken heart," said Wagner College president Dr. Richard Guarasci. "We have lost a bright light but Tyamonee will always be part of our family."

A 5-11, 170-pound defensive back, Johnson redshirted as a freshman and played four years for Wagner from 2015-18.

"We are all deeply saddened and shocked by the passing of Tyamonee Johnson," said Wagner College athletic director Walt Hameline. "Our thoughts and prayers are focused on supporting his family, friends and teammates during this most difficult time."

Details about funeral arrangements have not been finalized.

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