

# Man jumps White House *F Post 7-26-76* fence, shot

WASHINGTON (AP)-A man carrying a three-foot section of pipe climbed over the White House fence Sunday night and was fatally shot by a guard when he failed to heed orders to halt, according to a Secret Service spokesman.

The man, identified as Chester Plummer, 30, of Washington, died shortly after the incident at George Washington Hospital, according to Ken Lynch of the Secret Service.

President Ford, who was in the second floor family quarters of the White House at the time of the shooting, was informed of the incident, according to Deputy White House Press Secretary John Carlson.

The man set off an alarm when he scaled the fence and an Executive Protective Service officer went to investigate, said Jack Warner, a Secret Service spokesman. Warner said the intruder disregarded repeated orders to stop and the officer shot him.

The man was about 60 feet inside the fence when the single shot was fired, Warner said.

The officer who shot the intruder was not identified immediately.

Judith Witherow, the eye-witness, who was among a group of demonstrators carrying out an pro-Equal Rights Amendment vigil in front of the White House, gave this account:

Before going over the fence, the man, who was in his 40s, had been walking around the area carrying the pipe for about 45 minutes.

At one point, he stepped up to the fence but then stepped away when nearby police sirens were heard in connection with an unrelated traffic incident.

He then walked toward the northeast corner of the White House and climbed over the fence.

"Then all the lights went on and we heard a gunshot," she said. "We saw the police giving heart massage."

Another demonstrator, Susan Knapp, said "the suspect was in the driveway, about halfway up" to the White House, when he was shot. A White House

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spokesman later said the man was about 60 feet inside the fence when he was shot.

Asked if the police had questioned the man before he climbed the fence, Miss Witherow said, "Everytime he saw the police he would move."