

## Riot break out across London after murder investigation.

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Following the suspicious shooting of Mark Duggans last Thursday evening, riots have broken out across many parts of London, including Enfield, Walthamstow and Waltham Forest and Brixton.

The 29 year old was killed on Ferry Lane in Tottenham Hale. A police officer was also injured in the attack, it is alleged that he was shot first but the MET police have yet to confirm the details of the event.

Police also refused to comment on whether Duggans had been shot by the officer in question.

Neighbouring residents told the press of how they heard a total of four gun shots at the time of the attack. Some also claimed that there was also a surveillance van with 'sirens and helicopters' everywhere.

Following this tragic event, there have been several nights of riots. The first, which took place on Saturday evening, included attacks on major retail stores such as Curry's, Tesco and Halfords.

Metropolitan Police Commander, Adrian Hanstock commented on the events, saying that it was "not groups of people acting on behalf of communities or with any consent. This is individuals who are actually attacking communities, businesses, properties and houses. They are causing a huge amount of upset and criminality."

MET officers have claimed to have dealt with several 'cop-cat' riots all over Tottenham.

Police vehicles in Islington were vandalised, and more than 30 youths looted a number of stores in Walthamstow. This, along with the attacks created by 50 youths in Oxford Circus and other riots, bring the suspected total to be around 200 youths looting the shops, despite police efforts to deter them.

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Bins have been set alight, with fights breaking out in the streets as the police tried to contain the situations.

The vandalism continued into the early hours of Sunday morning, totalling the number of arrests up to 100.

The culprits have been charged with several offences, including burglary and theft, violent disorder, possessing dangerous weapons and handling stolen goods.

It is thought that around 35 officers have been injured during the attacks, including three officers that were involved in a collision in Chingford Mount, Waltham Forest.

Kit Malthouse, Deputy Mayor of London and Chair of the Metropolitan Police Authority, described the scenes of the last two nights as "disgusting and shocking." He added: "Obviously there are people in this city, sadly, who are intent on violence, who are looking for the opportunity to steal and set fire to buildings and create a sense of mayhem, whether they're anarchists or part of organised gangs or just feral youth frankly, who fancy a new pair of trainers."

Currently Tottenham is still cordoned off, whilst officers & forensic specialists continue to examine the scene.