

Bullets hit Hale backer's home

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Gunshots struck the Joliet home of a man who had organized a weekend demonstration protesting the conviction of white supremacist Matthew Hale for seeking to have a judge killed, police said Monday.

Residents reported hearing shots after 11 p.m. Sunday and police went to the home of Brian Moudry in the 300 block of South Reed Street, said Joliet Deputy Police Chief Fred Hayes.

Three bullets struck the front of Moudry's home and one entered the house, damaging a bedroom door, he said. The others were found lodged in an exterior wall. No one was injured in the shooting.

"We can make a reasonable inference that it was related to the protest," Hayes said.

Moudry's group, known as the Joliet Creativity Movement, staged a 90-minute rally near the intersection of Larkin Avenue and Jefferson Street on Saturday to protest Hale's April 26 conviction on solicitation of murder charges.

Moudry's house is only six or seven blocks from the site of the demonstration and Hayes noted that some counterprotesters walked there after the rally ended about 2:30 p.m. Saturday. Witnesses reported that three to five shots were fired from a light blue, older model vehicle, which fled southbound down Reed Street, Hayes said. No one was in custody Monday evening, and police were adding patrols in the neighborhood, he said.

Anyone with information is asked to call Will County CrimeStoppers at 1-800-323-6734.

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