

# Alton Police investigating Saturday shooting

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**ALTON** - Alton Police provided more details Monday morning about a man who was shot in the shoulder Saturday near the corner of **Fifth Street and Central Avenue** in Alton.

**Alton Police Chief Jake Simmons** said the man, who was from **East St. Louis**, suffered a "superficial" shoulder wound around 4 p.m. Saturday. Simmons said the man walked into **Kopp's Korner**, a bar located at 838 E. Seventh St., and called for help before walking toward **Ridge Street in Alton**. He was reportedly shot near the corner of Fifth Street and Central Avenue.

Simmons said the alleged victim said he was shot by a man from St. Louis. Simmons said detectives from the **Alton Police Department** are looking for the suspect, but added they were not in the office on the morning of Monday, Feb. 20, 2017, because of the observance of **President's Day**.

"We have a lot of people coming from **North St. Louis** to do illegal activities in Alton," Simmons said. "When the crime spikes there, it spills over into here. We're trying to get a handle on ceasing the after effects of violence happening in North St. Louis."

Simmons said he would have more information following a Tuesday morning staff meeting.