

A steel plant laborer has been arrested in the shooting death of a policewoman's son after a noisy party in **Grimsby**.

Clarence George Hart, the 18-year-old son of Constable Dorothy Hart of Niagara Regional Police's headquarters staff, was shot once in the face with a 12-gauge shotgun early yesterday several streets from his Doran Ave. home.

Police who answered a call about gunfire in a Woodlawn Drive neighborhood about 2.40 a.m. followed a trail of blood from a driveway to a garage, where they found Hart's body.

Coroner William McLennan pronounced Hart dead at the scene. An autopsy yesterday at Hamilton General Hospital confirmed Hart had died from the massive wound to the head.

Niagara Regional Police detectives from nearby St. Catharines were tight-lipped about events leading up to the **Grimsby** shooting.

Making noise

But friends of Hart, who described him as a "mixed-up kid," said he was running away from a party where he had argued with other youths.

They said Hart left the party about 2.30 a.m. and began making noise in the street. When two other youths went out to settle him down, he ran off through a neighbor's backyard where he was gunned down by a man in the driveway.

When the youths rushed up to help Hart, they were threatened with death and fled to call police. When they returned to the scene, Hart's body was missing.

Police said Hart died instantly from the shotgun blast, but refused to say who dragged his body into the garage.

"Growing up, all of us kids used to cut through that yard," said a friend who asked not to be identified.

Johannes Korporaal Sr., 57, a Woodlawn Drive resident who works as a laborer at Hamilton's Stelco plant, has been charged with first-degree **murder**. He is to appear in St. Catharines Provincial Court tomorrow.

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