

Baltimore police shoot cow escaping from slaughterhouse

The loose bovine was shot and killed by officers after it got loose from a nearby slaughterhouse and ran amok in the streets of the Mount Vernon neighborhood.

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A cow that escaped from a Baltimore slaughterhouse ran wild through the streets of the city Friday morning.

BALTIMORE — Baltimore police shot and killed a cow that escaped from a city slaughterhouse on a downtown street Friday morning, a spokeswoman said.

The animal was shot shortly after 10:15 a.m. in the Mount Vernon neighborhood, and police believe it escaped from a slaughterhouse in west Baltimore, Sgt. Sarah Connolly said.

Connolly said police received calls from business owners concerned about the animal running loose. The neighborhood is home to numerous bars, restaurants and shops.

Sam Wirtz, who lives three blocks away, said he was walking to visit a friend when he saw the animal running down the street.



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Police gunned the cow down on a Baltimore street on Friday morning after it escaped a slaughterhouse.

“I was trying to get other people to get the hell out of the way,” he said.

Wirtz said he heard four shots but didn't see the animal fall.

Police hadn't yet disclosed the animal's gender. Wirtz said that based on his experience growing up around livestock in Texas, he'd call it a bull.