Unrelated shootings hurt two

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GLENDALE -- Glendale Police were searching Friday for the shooters who wounded two men in separate incidents. In the most serious case, a 26-year-old Glendale man was shot multiple times as he walked to his car shortly after 11:30 p.m. Thursday.

Edgar Martinez was in serious condition at County USC Medical Center Friday afternoon after having been hit in the right arm, wrist and thigh, as well as on his right side near his rib cage, officials said. Two other people died Thursday in other incidents -- one was a woman who police allege was killed by her husband and the other was a man shot in the head while he drove down a city street. Martinez was shot near the intersection of Wilson and Maryland avenues, moments after he left Chuy's restaurant, police said.

Witnesses said he was involved in a scuffle on the restaurant's patio shortly before the shooting. "At first, I didn't see anything, but then, I saw the guy bleeding, right in front of Chuy's," said Fausto Briseno, who was sitting a few tables away when the fight started.

It was the third incident in a week in which police were called to the area regarding fights. One involved a group of men outside the restaurant and the other involved two women inside it, according to police reports. "This is a case in which a restaurant morphs into a bar at night," police Lt. Lief Nicolaisen said of the problems. "We've put a lot of effort into enforcement at this location because there have been a number of incidents of fights. We'll be taking a hard look at Chuy's operations to prevent incidents like this."

A worker at Chuy's said no one was available to comment on the incidents. No one has been arrested. Anyone with information about either shooting is asked to call Glendale Police at 548-4840 or Glendale Crime Stoppers, an anonymous hotline, at 507-7867.

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