

Orthodox Catholic bishop shot, in stable condition

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An Orthodox Catholic bishop was shot and injured when he tried to stop four youths from robbing his southern California church, police said on Thursday.

The incident occurred late Wednesday night outside the Our Lady of Tepeyac church in Riverside County south of Los Angeles, according to Sergeant Dennis Gutierrez of the Riverside County sheriff's office. Orthodox Catholic Bishop Antonio Garduno confronted the four teens in the church's courtyard.

"Robbery was the motive it appears at this time, Gutierrez said.

"They tried to make entry and they shot at him." Garduno, 51, was taken to hospital in stable condition and his injuries are not life-threatening.

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