

# Man dead after officer- involved shooting

## ABI to investigate

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OZARK — Wade Robbins said he risked his life for his daughter on Monday when a neighbor threatened them with a gun after they walked past his residence and waved.

Robbins said a police officer who fatally shot the man intervened before Robbins was physically injured.

Ozark Police Capt. Tim

Hicks said an officer responding to the report of a man with a gun in the area of East College Street around 11:30 a.m. Monday became involved in a shooting with the man.

Dale County Coroner Woody Hilboldt said the man was pronounced dead at 11:53 a.m. The man's name was not released earlier Monday pending next of kin notification. Hicks said the officer was fine. More information is expected to be released in a press confer-

ence on Tuesday.

Robbins, who said he lived across the street from the man, said he and his young daughter were walking down the street after retrieving some gifts from a resident who lived above the man. Robbins said he waved at the man but the man said an expletive and held a gun in the direction of Robbins and his daughter.

Robbins said he told his daughter to run. Robbins

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said an officer arrived shortly afterward and the shooting took place.

"I called the police (but I was going to protect my daughter," Robbins said.

"If I didn't do what I had to do when I saw he had a gun, then who's to say what would've happened the next day I walked up the street or something?"

Residents throughout the neighborhood said the man who was shot was generally a nice man.

Howard Hinton, who said he witnessed the shooting, said he knew the man and his family for some time.

"I looked in his eyes (before the shooting) and he just seemed like a different person this time," Hinton said. "He's always been peaceful before."



Law enforcement officers investigate the scene of a shooting involving an Ozark police officer and a suspect that was shot and killed during the altercation on Monday.

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