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MAN KILLED HIMSELF AT GAS STATION, CHILLICOTHE POLICE SAY

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CHILLICOTHE, Ohio -- Police say a Ross County man shot and killed himself Wednesday night at a gasoline station as officers approached.

Charles Raines, 46, was arguing with his wife, Carol, at the Shell Food Mart on Western Avenue when police arrived around 9:50 p.m., according to a Chillicothe Police Department report. Earlier in the evening, Carol Raines, 44, packed a moving van and her sport-utility vehicle and left the couple's home in Frankfort, according to the report.

While she was taking her possessions to a storage unit, she passed her husband on Rt. 28. He turned around and followed her to the gasoline station.

When police arrived, Charles Raines lifted his shirt and officers saw a handgun tucked into his waistband, the report said.

Moments later, he pulled out the gun and shot himself in the head.

Charles Raines was taken to Adena Regional Medical Center in Chillicothe, where he died. THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH Copyright (c) 2003 The Dispatch Printing Co.