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Suspects nabbed in shootout

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After a shootout Thursday that left one man dead and another hospitalized and an all-night investigation during which officers were shot at from the woods, authorities chased down two suspects in the hills south of Stilwell on Friday afternoon, officials said.

Federal agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms exchanged gunfire Thursday afternoon while they were serving a federal firearms warrant on Derrick Robinson at his rural Adair County residence, where a working methamphetamine lab was found, officials said.

Robinson died on his front porch from a gunshot wound sometime around 4 p.m. Thursday after agents returned fire in what local residents are now calling a Wild West-style gunfight in an isolated area known as Sally Bull Holler.

Authorities would not say how many times or where Robinson was shot. His body was sent to the Medical Examiner's Office in Tulsa for an autopsy, officials said.

Also wounded in the shootout was Clifford Goodrich, who was transported to the Bell School parking lot north of the Robinson residence and then flown by helicopter to Washington Regional Hospital in Fayetteville.

He is listed in good condition after being shot in the chest, authorities said.

Two other suspects, who authorities believe were in the Robinson residence at the time of the gunfight, were captured in a mountainous area known as Jack Jumper Bluff and taken into custody for questioning after an all-night search, officials said. The identities of the two suspects were not released.

District Attorney Diane Barker Harrold said Friday that Goodrich and Chris Soap, who was arrested at the Robinson house Thursday, both will be charged with shooting with intent to kill. Federal charges are pending, she said.

Barker Harrold said a working methamphetamine lab and at least two other labs, a .223-caliber assault rifle, shotguns and assorted handguns were found on Robinson's property.

Robinson was accused of possessing a machine gun and having a firearm after a felony conviction, ATF officials said.

He had been associated with the manufacture and distribution of methamphetamine in eastern Oklahoma and was facing state narcotics charges, the ATF reported in a news release. He previously had been convicted of possessing methamphetamine with intent to distribute. This is the third time arrest warrants have been served on Robinson, Barker Harrold said.

Troopers with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol's Tactical Team secured the residence during the night because officers who were processing the scene were being shot at by unknown people in the nearby woods, the district attorney said.

The house is in a remote area 20 miles from Stilwell.

Barker Harrold said Linda Robinson, Derrick Robinson's mother, stayed on her property next door when officers were processing the evidence from the shootout.

She said several firearms were removed from her home while the search warrants were executed. Reports that she was being held by authorities against her will were untrue, the district attorney said.

"At no time was anyone restraining her from leaving," Barker Harrold said. "We didn't let her go onto her son's property, but she was free to leave."

Authorities expected to finish processing evidence before nightfall.

Caption:

Deputies with the Adair County Sheriff's Department block the entrance to a rural residence where one man died and a second man was wounded during a shootout with ATF agents who were trying to serve a warrant on an Adair County man.

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