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Police: Victim identified in Walkerton standoff

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#### WALKERTON

The following release was issued by the Walkerton Police Department:

The County Metro Homicide Unit (CMHU) has positively identified the deceased individual from yesterday evening's SWAT standoff that occurred in the 100 block of Wood creek Drive, Walkerton, IN.

On February 15, 2015, at around 4:40 p.m., the Walkerton Police Department received an emergency call from a female at 128 Woodcreek Drive, wherein the female was screaming for a male to put down a gun. Walkerton officers were dispatched to that address.

The male subject, had barricaded himself in the home at that address and the St. Joseph County Metro SWAT team was activated. He came to the door several times, waving the gun and screaming, then locked himself inside the home.

Several hours later, SWAT made entry into the home and found the man deceased with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

County Metro Homicide (CMHU) was activated, as is protocol when an individual dies while engaged with law enforcement or while in the custody of law enforcement.

An autopsy was conducted today and the pathologist ruled the cause of death to be gunshot wound to the chest.

Based on the information available, and since the wound was consistent with a self-inflicted gunshot wound, the pathologist also ruled the manner of death to be suicide.

For respect of the family involved WSBT 22 has not named the victim.

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