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Police Identify Man Involved In Pursuit

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Article Text:

BENTONVILLE - Rogers police identified Richard Adam Peak as the man who apparently shot and killed himself in the aftermath of a police pursuit Friday morning.

The incident began at 2:09 a.m. when officer Brandon Dill checked on a gray 1993 Toyota pickup at the north end of Lake Atalanta Park near the Arkansas 12 entrance, according to a news release.

The man, later identified as Peak, fled the scene east on Arkansas 12. The pursuit continued to an area just east of the Arkansas 12 bridge near Heritage Bay Road and ended when the pickup stopped in the middle of the highway, according to a news release.

Officers reported hearing a gunshot from inside the Toyota and returned fire. The truck rolled off the highway and came to a stop near the shoulder. Peak was found with a fatal self-inflicted gunshot wound, according to the news release.

Daniel Oxford, county coroner, said a limited examination shows Peak died of single gunshot wound to the head.

Dill was placed on administrative leave because he discharged his weapon. Sgt. Brad Pollock, the other officer involved in the pursuit, returned to duty on his next scheduled day, said Keith Foster, spokesman for the Rogers Police Department.

Bill Sadler, spokesman for the Arkansas State Police, said State Police investigators are handling an investigation and will turn over results to the Benton County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Van Stone, Benton County prosecutor, said there is no timeline for the State Police to turn over results to his office.

A news release from Rogers police states Peak, 31, lived in Springdale, but his obituary stated he lived in Rogers.

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