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Acworth man shot and killed by Cobb officer

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A Cobb County Police Department officer shot a Bartow County man Monday after he allegedly reached for a gun. Justin Bill Kennedy, 33, of 5474 Chickasaw Way, Acworth, died at the scene. Cobb 911 received a call at around 9:15 p.m. from the clerk of the Texaco located just off Wade Green Road at Interstate 75. The clerk said Kennedy was trying to pass a counterfeit bill.

The responding officer, D.P. Rogers, made contact with Kennedy, who was still at the store when the officer arrived. According to CCPD, Kennedy refused to comply with Rogers' instructions, physically assaulted Rogers and ran outside the store. Rogers drew his gun and told Kennedy to stop. Police say Kennedy then reached for a gun in his waistband, after which Rogers shot him twice, in the chest and abdomen area.

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