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Officer Placed On Leave

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A Roland police officer who shot and killed an Oklahoma City man after a traffic stop Friday has been placed on administrative leave, a city official said Sunday. Officer Jeremy Day is on leave with pay pending an investigation of the incident, Roland Town Manager David Redden said.

Officers are routinely placed on administrative leave after fatal shootings, Redden said. Roy Jean Williams, 22, was pronounced dead at Sparks Regional Medical Center after the shooting, according to Kym Koch of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, which is conducting the investigation.

Koch said Williams was driving on Interstate 40, with a woman and two children in his vehicle, when Day pulled him over for speeding about 11:30 p.m. Friday. Day apparently asked Williams to sit in the front seat of his patrol car while he wrote a ticket, and a scuffle ensued between the two men inside the patrol car, she said.

Day reported firing his weapon several times, Koch said. She said she did not have any information on Williams' injuries, did not know how many times he was shot and did not know how the scuffle started.

"That's what we're looking into," she said. Williams was not armed, Koch said. She said she did not believe Williams had any outstanding warrants and was not placed under arrest. Williams was once arrested previously on suspicion of robbery with a firearm, Koch said. Williams' body was sent to the state medical examiner's office in Tulsa for an autopsy. No information was available Sunday, a spokesman for the medical examiner's office said.

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