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Police identify burglar who shot and killed himself

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Police have identified the man who shot and killed himself as he fled the scene of a Monday morning burglary as Matthew J. Grimsley, 33.

A state trooper found Grimsley dead of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound after two troopers working traffic duty nearby responded to a burglary in progress in the 8200 block of River Road Pike.

A neighbor in the River Road Pike area alerted two Tennessee Highway Patrol state troopers, who were working a road construction project just before 8 a.m. Monday, of a possible home burglary near River Road Pike and Cub Creek Road.

State trooper Charlie Caplinger arrived on the scene first, and when he got out of his car, he heard a gunshot, prompting him to return fire.

After trooper Michael Parker responded for backup, Grimsley was found dead behind some bushes with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Grimsley, of Springfield, Tenn., had previous convictions for robbery, burglary, theft and DUI out of Robertson, Wilson and Davidson counties.

He was free on \$27,000 bond for an arrest Thursday in which he was charged with being a felon in possession of a weapon and driving on a revoked license after a traffic stop.

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