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Suspect in standoff dies from gunshot

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A man who police said shot his wife, killed a family friend and held his children hostage for more than 12 hours before shooting himself in the head has died at a Little Rock hospital.

Jerod Kelley, 28, died at 10:40 p.m. Monday at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, a hospital spokesman said Tuesday.

Police said Kelley shot himself in the head when officers stormed the home about 1:30 p.m.

Monday. Kelley had been inside the home on Singapore Street in Wake Village, Texas, with his two children, ages 1 and 3, his 4-year-old stepchild and a 16-year-old friend of his wife's family since shortly before 1 a.m. Monday.

Police cut off the power and telephone in the house and negotiated with Kelley by a cell phone. The 16-year-old hostage victim was sent to the door by Kelley to retrieve the phone, said Wake Village Police Chief Tony Estes.

Regina Kelley, Jerod Kelley's wife and the children's mother, was in stable condition Tuesday at Wadley Regional Medical Center, Estes said. She was shot in the arm and shoulder.

Booker Willis, a friend visiting Regina Kelley, died at the scene when he was shot three times in the chest.

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