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Lawton man shoots himself after standoff

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A Lawton man shot and killed himself Thursday night after an extended negotiation with Lawton police, according to a police report.

Officers were called to the Fairfield Inn shortly before 3 p.m. to investigate a report of a guest who matched the description of a man who had been stealing TV sets from local hotels, according to the report. When police arrived, employees pointed out a man who was renting the room with the suspect. Officers then went to the room, where the man said he had a gun to his head and would pull the trigger, according to the report. He also said there was a woman in the room.

Officers said they pleaded with him not to harm himself and talked him into releasing the woman. Police set up a perimeter and called in a negotiator. During negotiations, officers heard three or four shots from the room, according to the report. After attempts to restore communication were unsuccessful, a tactical team entered the room and found 30-year-old Christopher Chance Allen dead from an apparent gunshot wound to the head, according to the report.

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