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Deputies kill man who wounded girlfriend

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Article Text:

Authorities shot and killed a man who shot his girlfriend while holding her hostage in an apartment.

Roger St. Claire, 60, of Delavan was killed after shooting and wounding Justine M. Wolff, 55. The Delavan woman was taken to St. Anthony's Hospital in Rockford, Ill., where she was listed in stable condition Wednesday.

The Delavan Police Department responded to a call for help Tuesday night and then called in the SWAT unit of the Walworth County Sheriff's Department, sheriff's officials said.

The SWAT unit entered the Delavan apartment after failing to contact St. Claire, police said.

Sheriff's officials say he pointed a gun at deputies, who then shot and killed him.

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Deputies justified in shooting man, DA says

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Authorities were justified in the shooting death in January of a man who was holding a Delavan woman hostage, the Walworth County district attorney said Monday.

Roger St. Clair was shot and killed Jan. 8 by Walworth County deputies.

Delavan police and county deputies were sent to the woman's home after St. Clair shot her. The woman told police St. Clair also shot himself when the police arrived. Authorities attempted to contact St. Clair but got no response.

Officials later decided to enter the house to save the woman. When deputies opened the door, St. Clair pointed his handgun at them. They ordered him to drop the weapon; instead, he fired at them.

According to the Delavan woman and officers, the deputies then fired back and killed St. Clair. The woman was treated for a gunshot wound.

After consulting with the state Department of Justice and the county coroner, District Attorney

Phillip Koss decided that an inquest into St. Clair's death is not necessary.
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