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PORTAGE COUNTY SHOOTING POLICE

SHERIFF SAYS MAN WANTED TO BE KILLED

Dateline: ALMOND

Article Text:

A gun-toting rural Almond man wanted a deputy sheriff to kill him, the Portage County sheriff said Friday.

Darwin L. Wittig, 51, died of a single gunshot wound to the head in a confrontation with Deputy Kevin Sorenson on Thursday morning after Wittig's wife called 911 because her husband had a pistol, Sheriff Stan Potocki said.

Sorenson, 34, arrived at the Wittig home, in the community near Stevens Point, minutes after the call and found Wittig waving a pistol near the entrance of the home, his family inside, Potocki said.

Wittig ignored Sorenson's demands to put the gun down and instead stuffed his gun into his waistband and began walking toward the deputy, holding his hand about a foot from the pistol, Potocki said.

Sorenson demanded that Wittig stop but he kept walking toward him, saying, "I am not stopping. You are going to have to shoot me."

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Officer shoots, kills armed man

Author: *From Journal Sentinel staff and correspondents, and The Associated Press*

Dateline: Almond

Article Text:

A sheriff's deputy fatally **shot** a man wielding a gun Thursday in Portage County, authorities said.

Officers were called to a rural Almond home about 9 a.m. on a report of a man with a gun, Capt. James La Mar of the Portage County Sheriff's Department said.

"During the incident, a **shot** was fired and a 51-year-old Almond man was **killed**," La Mar said in a statement. No one else was hurt. **Police** were called to the home because the man had been threatening to harm people with his gun. No other details were available Thursday and the name of the victim was not released.

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