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Tower City man kills self during Kmart robbery

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ENOLA - Investigators in Cumberland County say a Tower City man robbing a Kmart department store on Sunday morning killed himself after firing at police who tried to stop him. Steven F. Peck, 37, died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound, Cumberland County Coroner Todd C. Eckenrode said Monday.

East Pennsboro Township police said Peck shot himself inside the Kmart in Enola, on the west bank of the Susquehanna River just outside Harrisburg.

Authorities said two officers noticed one of the store's doors had been forced open about 2 a.m. Sunday. The officers and a police dog entered the store and found the man in the room where the safe was kept.

"The deceased was in the process of burglarizing the business when he was discovered by the police," Eckenrode said.

East Pennsboro Township police Chief Dennis McMaster said the man fired on the officers before taking his own life.

Eckenrode said Peck was pronounced dead at the scene, and that his next-of-kin have been notified.

Eckenrode said his office and township police are continuing the investigation.

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