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Police kill gunman in Austell

Two Cobb County police officers shot and killed a man after he opened fire on them Saturday in Austell, police said.

The officers, whose names were not released, were placed on paid administrative leave.

The shootout took place after the officers were sent to help a woman who wanted to remove some clothing from her house on Bridgeport Court in Austell. A man inside the house told the officers he was armed. Police spokesman Dana Pierce did not identify the man.

Officers told him to surrender his weapon, but he refused. A radio dispatcher told the officers there was a warrant for the man's arrest. The man got into his car and took off, Pierce said.

About 1:30 p.m. Saturday, officers spotted the man's green Pontiac near Winterglen Lane off Six Flags Drive, Pierce said. He pulled over, got out of the car and started shooting, Pierce said.

The officers took cover behind their patrol cars, which were hit by shots fired by the gunman.

The officers returned fire and struck the man, who died at the scene.

DEKALB COUNTY: 2 killed, 2 injured in head-on crash

Two people were killed and two others critically injured in a head-on collision Sunday afternoon on Covington Highway. Police said the wreck occurred when an eastbound Chevrolet Cavalier crossed into the westbound lane of the highway near Young Road about 12:35 p.m. The car sideswiped a sport utility vehicle and then struck a Jeep Cherokee head-on, said Officer Dale Davis. The driver of the car and a teenage girl who was a passenger in it were killed at the scene. A second passenger in the car, a 10-year-old boy, was taken to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston in critical condition. Also taken to a local hospital in critical condition was the 54-year-old driver of the Jeep. Police withheld the identities of the victims until relatives were notified.

ATLANTA: Weekend home fires claim the lives of 2

Two people died in separate fires in Atlanta during the weekend. Firefighters responding to a blaze Sunday morning at a house in the 1000 block of Sims Street found the body of a man inside. The fire reportedly broke out at the one-story house shortly before 3 a.m. Authorities withheld the man's name until relatives were notified. A day earlier, the body of a woman was found in the basement of a house in the 100 block of Walnut Street following a fire that gutted the building shortly after dawn. The medical examiner's office on Sunday was trying to identify the woman, whose body was burned beyond recognition.

COBB COUNTY: 10-year-old drowns in swimming pool

Cobb police are looking into the death of a 10-year-old boy who drowned Saturday in a hotel swimming pool near Cumberland Mall. The boy, whose name was not released, drowned in the indoor pool at the Embassy Suites at Galleria Parkway and Cumberland Boulevard. No additional information was released.

I-20 crash victim identified by police

A man who was killed when his car struck a truck Saturday has been identified as Rayford Hannah, 55, of Bremen. Hannah was headed west on I-20 just west of Riverside Parkway when he lost control of his car and struck the trailer of a truck, said Cobb police Cpl. Dana Pierce. Hannah died inside when the car erupted into flames, Pierce said.

Caption:

Photo: Atlanta firefighters examine the charred remains of a house on Walnut Street where a woman died in a fire Saturday. / W.A. BRIDGES JR. / Staff

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