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LUCASVILLE MAN COMMITS SUICIDE AS DEPUTY ARRIVES

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LUCASVILLE, Ohio -- A Lucasville man killed himself with a gunshot to the head yesterday as a Scioto County deputy sheriff arrived to investigate a possible domestic problem.

The name of the 28-year-old man was being withheld yesterday until all family members had been notified, Scioto County Sheriff's Detective Blain Duduit said.

Duduit said a deputy was sent to the house after receiving a call from the man's mother-in-law.

The caller had been talking with her daughter on the telephone, and the daughter managed to convey that there was a problem involving her husband and that she needed help, Duduit said.

As the deputy approached the house, which is off of Walters Road, the man saw the cruiser and ran to the rear of the house, Duduit said. He shot himself in the head with a .44- caliber handgun and was dead when the officer arrived. The wife was not injured.

The wife told investigators that the couple had been married about 1 1/2 years and were having problems stemming from financial pressures, Duduit said. The man had lost his job right before Christmas, he said.

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