# [***Putnam man dies of gunshot***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:47KH-XTV0-010F-R1X7-00000-00&context=1516831)

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WINFIELD - A Putnam County man apparently killed himself early Wednesday after police arrived at his Buff Creek home to investigate a domestic violence call.

Hurricane police and Putnam County Sheriff deputies approached George Richardson on the porch of his home off of U.S. 34 at about 12:40 a.m.

Richardson pointed his shotgun at an officer, fled into his house and shot himself in the head in the back bedroom, said Deputy Allen Savilla.

One shot had already been fired when police arrived at the Richardson home, Savilla said.

Richardson's wife called police on her ***cell phone*** after she left her house and fled into the woods with her two young children, Savilla said.

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