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### **Body**

DETROIT (AP) - A vigil was held this week for a man who authorities say was shot and killed by officers after fatally shooting a police dog in suburban Detroit.

The gathering was held Sunday outside the Detroit home of 29-year-old <u>Theoddeus Gray</u>. Oliver Gant, who was speaking for Gray's family, says they're upset that amid the focus on the dog's death it seems "as though this young man had no worth or no value to his life."

Days before he was fatally shot, Gray was arrested and booked into the Burleigh Morton County Detention Center on drug-related charges.

According to Bismarck Police Officer Pat Renz, a BPD officer transported Gray, who had been arrested by the Metro Area Narcotics Task Force, to the jail on Oct. 29.

Gray, who faced a charge of possession with intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance, requested permission to travel on Nov. 1, which was later granted.

St. Clair Shores police responded Nov. 4 to a report of a man with a gun outside Lakeland Manor banquet hall, where a gathering with about 70 people was taking place.

Police say the man ignored officers' instructions and fled. K-9 officer Axe was sent to track the man and police say the man shot the dog with a handgun. Police say officers then fired, striking the man. The man and the police dog were taken for treatment and later pronounced dead.

Axe had been with the police department since 2016. The sheriff's office is investigating.

Family members reportedly have questions about the law enforcement account. The Macomb County sheriff's office isn't commenting until its investigation is completed.

Gray was scheduled to appear before South Central District Judge Bruce Haskell on Dec. 3 for his preliminary hearing.

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