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The Oklahoma Highway Patrol has officially identified the suspect in a May 11 shootout and fire in downtown Talihina that left the suspect dead, four troopers injured and two buildings destroyed.

The suspect was identified as 52-year-old **Bradley Daniel Webster** of Talihina.

Troopers with the OHP Tactical Team executed a drug-related warrant on Webster's residence in the downtown area around 6 a.m. when he allegedly shot at police.

OHP Lt. Paul Timmons said Webster may have "booby trapped" the building with an explosive device, which ignited the building and another on fire when the troopers entered. They also were met with gunfire and returned fire. Four troopers received minor injuries and a fifth was saved by his ballistic vest. The five troopers included Brett Stephens, Brandon Seward, Sammy Lee, Chris Bunch and Chance Tuttle.

Downtown Talihina was blocked off for a week as law enforcement combed the scene and removed Webster's body from the debris. In addition to his building, the old Treats and Treasures was destroyed and has since been caved in. The new Treats and Treasures, which was next door to the former building, received smoke and roof damage.

In a press conference on the day of the shootout, Timmons said the suspect — since identified as Webster — had been known to police and had a criminal record. He said Webster had made anti-police remarks in the past and said he would not be going back to prison. Webster had contacted the Poteau Daily News more than once in the past with complaints about local law enforcement.

Webster was believed to have been housing or manufacturing drugs in the building.

In LeFlore County District Court, Webster had an ongoing felony criminal case filed in November on accusations of throwing or dropping an object on a motor vehicle, malicious injury to property over \$1,000 and breaking and entering without permission. Talihina Police Chief Rodney Faulkenberry worked the case. Webster was alleged to have used a rock to damage a vehicle then breaking into it. He had been slated for a formal arraignment on May 29.

In 2006, Webster shot and killed two men who broke into his home near Mena, Ark. The men — Chris Pangle, 35, and Thai Flores, 23 — reportedly attempted to rob Webster. Webster was shot in the abdomen and returned fire. His wife and 17-month-old son were reportedly home at the time.

A search of the residence allegedly uncovered a hydroponic marijuana growing operation with 292 plants. Although not charged in the deaths of the men, due to Webster defending himself and his property, he was charged with endangering the welfare of a minor and drug- and firearm-related

charges.

The Talihina fire and shootout ignited a multi-agency and multi-county response, with 18 fire departments responding from several bordering counties as well as a number of emergency management organizations.

The OHP Criminal Investigations Division, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Fire Marshal's Office are investigating the case.

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