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CHRISTIANSBURG - Sheriff's deputies who shot and killed a Montgomery County 18-year-old Saturday had come to his house because of a report of an attempted suicide, according to a search warrant.

Virginia State Police investigators later collected firearms and other items from the man's residence, the search warrant said.

Filed in Montgomery County Circuit Court, the search warrant outlined how Saturday's encounter between Taylor K.E. T incher and county sheriff's deputies began.

Officers were called to the 900 block of Walton Road, in the Walton section of the county west of Christiansburg, at about 7:40 a.m., the search warrant said. A caller had told an emergency dispatcher that a man had tried to kill himself using carbon monoxide from a vehicle exhaust, the search warrant said.

The warrant offered less description of what officers found, saying only, "While officers were on-scene, a firearm was discharged. The suicidal subject received injuries causing death."

On Saturday and Sunday, police statements said that the county deputies found T incher in his house with a handgun. They told him repeatedly to put it down but he instead "began advancing towards the deputies in a threatening manner," a news release said.

The deputies shot T incher, then called emergency medical workers who took him to Carilion New River Valley Medical Center. He died there, according to a news release last weekend. No deputies were hurt, news releases said.

County Sheriff Hank Partin immediately asked state police to investigate.

The search warrant said that state police removed three pistols and a rifle from the Walton Road property. Other items seized included three .223-caliber shell casings, a .40-caliber shell casing, two bullets, a bullet fragment, clothing, a "notebook with assorted writings," an earring and a Fitbit watch, and handcuffs, the search warrant said.