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## **Dashcam footage shows moment five police officers fatally shoot armed robbery suspect after he points gun right at them**

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- **Kenneth Townley** was shot by police after allegedly robbing Dollar General store
- Townley first complies with the officers and puts his hands out in front of him
- But when they tell him to put hands on his head, he pulls out gun from sweatshirt
- They repeatedly tell him to drop the gun, and only fire when he points it at them

Dashcam footage has been released that shows the moment five officers shot at an armed robbery suspect when he pulled out a gun in the middle of the street.

The video shows the officers in Jackson, Michigan repeatedly telling **Kenneth Townley**, 47, to drop his gun before eventually opening fire after he refused.

No charges will be filed against the five officers after a Jackson County prosecutor determined that the shooting was justified.

The harrowing footage begins when the officers pull up and see Townley, who matched the description of a man who robbed a nearby Dollar General store just minutes earlier.

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Townley allegedly stole \$371 from the store at 2.24pm on March 11. He was spotted by police at 2.39pm, according to MLive.

He had been released from jail only a day before and allegedly stole an Airsoft pistol and attempted a car jacking before the afternoon robbery.

In the footage, an officer can be heard screaming 'Sir, show your hands!' to Townley as he walks away from the police car.

'Head back towards me right now,' the officer orders.

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Townley begins to walk to the cop car with his hands up and in front of him as the officer says, 'put your hands on top of your head, what's your name?'

But Townley doesn't comply. The officer pleads: 'Sir, we can work this out, put your hands on top of your head, put your hands on top of your head!'

Townley once again does not follow the order and instead puts one of his hands in his pocket.

The officer begins to scream over and over, 'get your hands outside of your pocket! Drop the gun! Sir, drop the gun! Just drop your gun, we can work this out!'

Then Townley takes the gun out of his sweatshirt pocket and multiple officers scream 'Drop your gun! Drop your gun!'

'We can work this out, it's not that big of a deal,' one of the officers pleads with Townley.

Then Townley points the gun right at one of the officers and the cops immediately open fire, sending him to the ground.

Townley, who had five gunshot wounds, was rushed to a nearby hospital and died during surgery.

The officers involved in the shooting were identified as Blackman-Leoni Township public safety officers Chandler Fryt and James Prus, Jackson County Sheriff's Deputy Archie Wickham, and Jackson police officers David Renteria and Peter Postma.

All five officers were placed on paid administrative leave after the shooting. They had returned to work by Thursday following the prosecutor's decision.

'It is evident that from the perspective of the police officers, they honestly and reasonably believed that **Kenneth Townley** posed a threat to each of them,' Jackson County Prosecutor Jerry Jarzynka wrote in his opinion.

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