

'Suicidal' 16-year-old shot by police in Twin - Duluth News Tribune (MN) - July 14, 2018 - page A4

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CHANHASSEN, Minn. -- A suicidal 16-year-old with apparent mental health issues is dead after an officer-involved shooting outside his Chanhassen home Friday morning, July 13, according to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

The BCA said Carver County deputies in the southwest Twin Cities suburb were called to the home at about 10 a.m. by a mother who said her son was suicidal and was threatening her with knives and a baseball bat.

Deputies encountered the teenager and deployed a stun gun. Later during the incident, two deputies fired their weapons, striking the teen. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Multiple law enforcement agencies were at the home, which is in a wooded area along busy Minnesota Highway 7 just south of Lake Minnetonka in the western suburbs of Minneapolis.

Family members and friends were seen openly crying in the driveway.

One deputy was transported to a Chaska medical center for non-life-threatening injuries.

It was not stated by the BCA if the teen had a gun.

The BCA is gathering evidence in the case and conducting interviews with witnesses. Body cameras may have captured portions of the incident, the BCA said.

The BCA said it would identify the deputies who fired their weapons once both officers have been interviewed. They were placed on standard administrative leave.

The agency also said the teen would be identified by the Midwest Regional Medical Examiner's Office once an autopsy has been completed.

However, KSTP-TV, citing a family friend, identified the teen as **Archer Amorosi**, a student at Minnetonka High School.

School district officials declined to comment until they had more information from authorities.

The investigation's findings will ultimately be turned over to the Carver County attorney's office for review.

The Chanhassen incident is the second recent officer-involved shooting death in the Twin Cities.

Thurman Blevins Jr., 31, was killed June 23 after Minneapolis police officers responded to a 911 call of a man shooting a gun into the air and ground.

Authorities said two Minneapolis officers fired their guns after chasing Blevins into an alley on the city's north side. They said a gun was recovered at the scene, but some community members have disputed that Blevins was armed.

The BCA is also handling that case.

The St. Paul Pioneer Press contributed to this report

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