

Video shows Bartlesville police officer shouting - Tulsa World (OK) - January 30, 2018

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A Bartlesville police officer shouted at a woman to put down a gun during a marijuana raid in which she was fatally shot, video released Monday shows.

The woman fired a pellet gun at officers in the midst of the Jan. 17 confrontation, striking one in the leg and another in the face, according to the Bartlesville Police Department.

One of the officers shot the woman, identified as 72-year-old **Geraldine Townsend**.

The officers have not been identified.

Police raided the residence on allegations that the woman's 50-year-old son, Michael Anthony Livingston, was distributing marijuana from the home.

Livingston and Townsend resided in the home, located in the 1600 block of South Maple Avenue. Earlier that week, police reportedly arrested one of Livingston's customers during a traffic stop.

The video was taken from a camera worn by one of the officers.

Police served the search warrant about 9:30 p.m., knocking and announcing their presence three times, according to the video. After entering the residence, police reportedly took Livingston into custody in the living room.

Townsend reportedly came from a bedroom and confronted officers with the pellet gun.

"Put that f---- — gun down, put the f---- — gun down," an officer shouts on the video.

An officer opens fire, shooting Townsend at least once. Livingston yells at officers that Townsend is wielding a pellet gun.

"It's a BB gun," Livingston shouts. "That my mother, man; that's a BB gun."

Livingston pleads with officers as they take him out of the house, asking multiple times to see his mother.

"Please, man, y'all killed my momma," Livingston can be heard telling police in the video. "She didn't know — she was asleep. Go look at her."

"She shot me; shut up," an officer yells.

Townsend and one of the injured officers were taken to a hospital, where Townsend died.

The officer Townsend shot in the face was the officer who shot her, Bartlesville Police Capt. Jay Hastings said.

In the video, other officers surround their wounded colleague to inspect his injuries after Livingston is in custody.

The wounded officer, who appears to still be holding his service weapon, says he saw Townsend "pointing a ... gun."

"Looks like she stopped and shot Steven (sic), and then I come back around to cover him and she point it at me again and blam," the officer states in the video. "And then I f---- — shot."

Hastings said the officer who shot the woman is on paid administrative leave pending an investigation by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation. A report by the OSBI will be forwarded to the Washington County District Attorney's Office to determine whether the shooting of Townsend was justified.

Livingston was booked into Washington County jail, where he is being held in lieu of a \$500,000 bond. At some point after his arrest, he allegedly threatened to kill the officers involved in the raid.

Washington County prosecutors charged Livingston with unlawful possession of a controlled drug with intent to distribute, keeping a house where controlled substances are sold, unlawful possession of surveillance equipment, possession of a listening device and threatening to perform an act of violence.