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MERRIMACK — A local man was killed during an officer-involved shooting early Thursday morning in Maine.

Authorities have identified the man as **Adrian Bunker**, 37, of Merrimack.

According to the Bangor Daily News, the shooting occurred before 3:30 a.m. Thursday during a traffic stop near Stillwater Avenue in Old Town, Maine.

Bunker's gray Silverado pickup truck was pulled over when an armed confrontation took place between Bunker and Officer Joseph Decoteau of the Old Town Police Department.

Bunker was killed during the confrontation. Decoteau was not injured. Details of what took place during the traffic stop have not been released. The Maine Attorney General's office is investigating the shooting.

The Bangor Daily News, reported Decoteau has been placed on paid administrative leave pending a review by the department, which is protocol for an officer-involved shooting.

In an online statement from the Old Town Police Department, a portion of Stillwater Avenue was closed for about seven hours on Thursday while police investigated.

"There is no risk to the public," said the department.

Although Bunker lived in Merrimack, he was from Cambridge, Maine, and attended Piscataquis Community High School in Guilford, Maine.

According to his Facebook page, Bunker was previously enrolled at the Motorcycle Mechanics Institute, and had most recently been employed at Hitachi Cable America Inc.

Online phone records indicate that Bunker resided at 75 Patten Road.

The officer involved in the shooting, Decoteau, is relatively new to the police force in Maine.

According to a previous post on the police department's Facebook page, Decoteau graduated from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in May of this year, ranking second in his class.

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