

Officers' names released in police shooting - Tribune-Star, The (Terre Haute, IN) - December 21, 2018

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Indiana State Police have released names of the two officers involved in the shooting of a suspect Tuesday evening in Terre Haute.

West Terre Haute Police Officer Caleb Talpas — with 5 1/2 years of service — and Terre Haute Police Sergeant Justin Sears — with 10 years of service — shot and killed 24-year-old **David Frederick** of Vincennes after a brief chase and an exchange of gunfire.

State police said Talpas tried to pull over a Frederick after his pickup truck failed to stop at a red light about 10:30 p.m. Tuesday. Frederick refused to stop. Sears later joined Talpas in the chase, which ended at a parking lot near 10 1/2 Street and Wabash Avenue.

Police said Frederick got out of his truck with a handgun in his hands. Despite repeated commands to drop the gun, Frederick raised the gun and began to fire.

Talpas and Sears returned fire, striking Frederick several times.

Frederick was pronounced dead at the scene. Neither officer was injured. ISP said its preliminary investigation revealed Frederick had recently expressed thoughts of suicide.

The investigation by ISP detectives continues. Once it is complete, a report will be submitted to the Vigo County Prosecutor's Office for review. ISP has said the officers have been placed on administrative leave during the investigation, which is normal.