

Joplin man died shortly after officer-involved - Joplin Globe, The (MO) - January 3, 2018

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A Joplin man shot Tuesday afternoon — when he purportedly charged Jasper County deputies as they were serving civil court papers on him — died a short time later at a Joplin hospital.

Louis C. Miller, 66, was pronounced dead at 3:48 p.m. at the hospital where he was taken following the shooting about 3 p.m. at 901 N. Landreth Ave., according to a statement released today by the Jasper County Sheriff's Department.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol is investigating the officer-involved shooting.

The sheriff's office said Tuesday that deputies went to the address to serve civil courts documents on Miller. He purportedly came to the door with a knife in his hand, prompting the deputies to call backup officers to the scene. Sgt. Tim Williams, of the sheriff's office, told the Globe that as backup help arrived at the address, Miller came at the officers with the knife and was shot.

The sheriff's office has yet to release the names of the officers involved in the shooting. Williams said Tuesday that no officers were injured but declined to discuss the number of shots fired in the incident or the number of wounds sustained by Miller. His death was not made public Tuesday and his name was withheld pending notification of next of kin.

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