

## **Authorities: Officer involved in fatal shooting in - Courier, The (Russellville, AR) - January 4, 2018**

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OZARK -- A domestic disturbance call to a residence on West School Street in Ozark ended in an officer involved shooting Tuesday night.

Ozark Police received a call for help at approximately 10:19 p.m. and dispatched an officer to the residence.

Witnesses reported that **Ronald Elliot**, 49, was armed with a gun and had locked himself inside his bedroom.

Authorities say a woman entered the bedroom and tried to disarm Elliot before police arrived. Witnesses say an officer then entered the bedroom and instructed Elliot to put down the gun before a gunshot rang out.

Elliot was taken to an Ozark hospital where he died. His body has been transported to the Arkansas State Crime Laboratory to collect forensic evidence and confirm the manner and cause of death.

Ozark Police Chief Devin Bramlett has asked special agents of the Arkansas State Police Criminal Investigation Division to conduct an investigation of the shooting incident.

The Ozark officer who responded to the incident is currently on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of the Arkansas State Police investigation.

The state police investigative file will be turned over to the Franklin County prosecuting attorney to consider whether the use of deadly force by a law enforcement officer was consistent with Arkansas laws.