

Man shot, killed by Salt Lake police - Deseret News, The (Salt Lake City, UT) - April 19, 2018

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SALT LAKE CITY - A man died Wednesday after being shot by Salt Lake City police who were originally responding to a report of domestic violence and a possible hostage situation.

Delorean Pikyavit, 32, died from his injuries, police confirmed Wednesday evening. It is the fourth officer-involved shooting in Utah this month.

About 12:15 p.m. police were called to 1132 E. Princeton Ave. (1155 South). The original call was for a domestic violence incident, said Salt Lake Police Sgt. Brandon Shearer. He did not know who made the call.

When police arrived they approached the suspect in the domestic violence call, later identified as Pikyavit, prompting him to run back into the house, Shearer said. Not knowing whether there was a hostage inside, a SWAT team and hostage negotiators were called to the scene, Shearer said.

"After over an hour of trying to talk to the man, he came out of the home and approached the officers. His actions caused the officers to respond, at which time the suspect was shot," he said.

Police did not release information Wednesday about what Pikyavit did to prompt police to shoot or whether he was armed.

Shearer said less lethal force was also attempted, but he did not have further details. He did not know how many officers fired their weapons or how many shots were fired. All of that information, Shearer said, will be part of the officer-involved critical incident investigation, which is being headed up by West Valley police.

Police originally described Pikyavit as "suicidal," saying he was barricaded inside the home.

A woman was also found injured at the house. Police later confirmed she was not inside the home when Pikyavit re-entered. No details about how she was injured or the extent of her injuries were released Wednesday.

It was unclear Wednesday whether Pikyavit lived at that house.

During the standoff, police ordered other residents in the neighborhood to shelter in place, meaning they were to lock their doors and not go outside.

Kaytee Lucherini, who lives nearby, said she saw seven men with guns enter the home and was trying to wrap her head around what had happened in her neighborhood.

"It's sad that it escalated to that," she said.

A search of state court records shows Pikyavit has three prior DUI convictions, one in Iron County in 2009 and two in Washington County in 2012 and in 2011. He also pleaded guilty to driving on a denied license in the 2011 case. He had also been convicted of misdemeanors for interference with an arresting officer, drug possession and underage drinking.

Pikyavit's death marks the fourth officer-involved shooting in Utah in April.

- * Lonnie Marcel Bowen, 41, was shot and killed Tuesday by a Unified police officer following a car chase and a possible hostage incident inside his truck.
- * Wade Leon Willis, 38, of Springville, was in critical condition from being shot on April 9 after allegedly hitting a Utah County Sheriff's deputy with his car.
- * Elijah James Smith, 20, was shot and killed April 8 by West Valley police after barging into a house with three children inside, and then failing to obey officers' command to take his hands of his pocket. When he eventually did, he took out his hand in a "rapid draw-stroke motion," police said.

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