

## DA requesting 'no further information' in - Claremore Daily Progress, The (OK) - April 2, 2018

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No further information is being sought in the ongoing investigation of a shooting in Owasso involving police officers which led to the death of an Afghanistan war veteran.

In a statement from Rogers County District Attorney Matt Ballard, ""The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation has conducted a thorough investigation and presented the evidence collected and further briefed my staff, including my chief criminal prosecutor, first assistant, chief investigator, and myself. After reviewing the evidence provided, we have not requested any further information and are satisfied that the investigation is complete, pending compilation of the final report. I will announce my formal finding(s) when the final report is complete, which I understand will be very soon."

According to reports filed by Owasso Police, On Wednesday, March 21, Owasso Police officers Casey Lawson and Laura Lehner responded to an address on East 108 Place North in Owasso in reference to a concern that a man identified as **Duane Preciado** was at that address and was threatening suicide.

Officers were told by dispatch that Preciado was an Afghanistan war veteran, and when they arrived, they made contact with Preciado at the front door of the residence, the report indicated.

Officers identified themselves as Owasso Police officers and in less than one minute of making contact, Preciado threatened to shoot them, according to police reports.

One of the officers saw what he believed to be a rifle or shotgun in the hands of Preciado, and officers then retreated to a position of cover behind a vehicle in a neighboring driveway. While in the process of moving away from the house, officers reported they heard what was believed to be a bullet being chambered into a gun.

While the officers were behind cover, they called for backup and began discussing their options to handle the situation safely.

While still behind cover, officers could hear (Preciado) yelling at them, indicating he was "going to start shooting" and that he was "going to kill them," reports indicate.

At some point, Preciado exited the house and began walking towards the officers' patrol vehicles, holding a loaded AK-47 rifle and a loaded Glock handgun, according to reports.

Preciado yelled at the officers, "Kill me, kill me, at which point, he was almost to the street. Officers yelled multiple commands at Preciado, ordering him to drop the guns. Preciado responded with obscenities, and turned towards the officers and raised the handgun in their direction, according to

police reports.

The rifle was also being pointed towards the officers. Both officers fired their handguns at the same time, which resulted in Preciado's death.

From the time the officers made contact with Preciado at the front door to the time the officers fired in defense of their lives, less than five minutes had passed, according to reports.

In a statement issued by Owasso Police Chief Scott Chambless, the staff of the Owasso Police Department is saddened by the necessity to take a life.

"In the vast majority of incidents, officers are able to de-escalate a situation or use lesser means of force to resolve an issue," Chief Chambless said. "In this instance, Preciado gave the officers no choice but to defend their lives and the lives of innocent citizens in the neighborhood. After Preciado threatened to shoot the officers, they retreated to safety. Preciado left his home armed with two loaded firearms while stating his intent to kill the officers. Preciado refused to drop the guns and instead pointed the guns at the officers, forcing them to shoot.

"Mr. Preciado spent many years in defense of our country," Chief Chambless continued. "His life should be honored for this service and not tarnished by the choices he made on this one day. The Owasso Police Department wants to extend its gratitude to the citizens of Owasso for their show of support for our officers and the empathy expressed for the Preciado family."

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