

4th shooting by local officers in 9 months - Walton Tribune, The (Monroe, GA) - March 2, 2019

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The Walton County sheriff's deputy who fired his service weapon at a man he said pulled a gun on him while running away in Loganville on Tuesday became just the latest law enforcement officer to have to make a split-second decision that could claim a life — or cost his own.

Four times in the past nine months, a law enforcement officer in Walton County has shot a suspect when they believed a life was in danger. In three of those cases, the person died.

The first occurred June 12 at a home in the 3700 block of Lovers Lane in unincorporated Monroe. A sheriff's deputy fatally shot 26-year-old Chavius Hollis, who reportedly raised his weapon and shot at a family member just before being shot by the deputy, who was called out to a domestic disturbance.

William Earnest Brooks, 43, was killed July 26 when he reportedly showed a weapon to officers from multiple agencies during a foot chase near the Hard Labor Creek Reservoir.

Mahlon Edward Summerour, 63, was killed Oct. 18 when Monroe police officers responded to 911 calls of a man carrying a gun on East Marable Street. He pointed the object — which later turned out to be a replica Thompson machine gun — at the officers, and one fired his service weapon, fatally striking him in the chest.

The Loganville shooting was the third involving a law enforcement officer in Georgia on Tuesday.

A state trooper stopped a car on Interstate 95 in McIntosh County. The driver, 20-year-old Sasha Ann Pishko, of Clermont, Florida, struck the trooper with her car. The trooper shot at the car, killing Pishko.

The GBI also responded Tuesday afternoon to a shooting involving a police officer in southwest Atlanta.

Willie Banks, 34, of Atlanta, was shot when the car he was driving — reportedly stolen — crashed after a police chase.

A Cherokee County man was shot by Smyrna police Thursday when he didn't comply with officers' orders to drop the gun he was holding in the parking lot of an office complex. Gary Fink, 68, sustained non-life-threatening injuries.⁴