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Search warrant documents from the LeFlore County Courthouse offer further details into the Talihina fire and shootout which left one man dead, four troopers injured and two historic buildings destroyed in the downtown.

The suspect in the May 11 shootout was identified as 52-year-old **Bradley Daniel Webster** of Talihina.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol Tactical Team executed a search warrant on Webster's residence around 6 a.m. that day when he allegedly began to shoot at officers. They returned fire. Webster died at the scene. Four troopers received non-life threatening injuries and a fifth was saved by his ballistic vest.

The search warrant for May 11-15 shows an inventory of items recovered from Webster's residence on Second Street. It listed this inventory of items recovered from the burnt-out structure include: 28 cartridges, 64 casings, 52 projectiles, five magazine springs, firearm suppressor components, one AR-type firearm, one Uzi-type firearm, one handgun-type firearm, one BB-type firearm, one diversionary device (flash bang), one propane torch head, two ballistic plates, one ballistic scope ring, a knife, magazine, pill bottle, cigarette lighter, cellphone, unknown piece of metal, television and four fire debris samples.

The warrant detailed an incident on May 9 where Talihina Police Chief Rodney Faulkenberry arrested Robert Coleman for active warrants. It says Coleman told Faulkenberry he worked for Webster and saw an assault rifle, AK-47 and an Uzi-style pistol in Webster's home on May 5. Coleman claims Webster, a convicted felon, had the weapons because he "was not going back to jail and was ready to go on a shooting spree at city hall."

Coleman told Faulkenberry about Webster's past. In 2006, Webster shot and killed two men who broke into his home near Mena, Ark. The men — Chris Pangle, 35, and Thai Flores, 23 — reportedly attempted to rob Webster's marijuana grow he had at the residence. The warrant said Webster also shot a third person in the face. Webster was shot in the abdomen and returned fire. His wife and 17-month-old son were reportedly home at the time.

A search of the residence allegedly uncovered the hydroponic marijuana growing operation with 292 plants. Although not charged in the deaths of the men, due to Webster defending himself and his property, he was charged with endangering the welfare of a minor and drug-and firearm-related charges.

The warrant added that Coleman agreed to be an informant because he didn't want to see anyone killed. He also told the officers twice to be careful. Due to Webster's history, a no-knock warrant

was requested.

Documents go on to explain what happened that day. When the tactical team breached the door into Webster's home, they deployed a diversionary device on a pole through a window, then extricated the device. This is when Webster is said to have began firing at the troopers. They exchanged fire and took cover. A member of the team noticed a small fire inside but no one exited the home. The fire then consumed the building and spread to a second building, the old Treas and Treasures.

The Talihina fire and shootout ignited a multi-agency and multi-county response. Eighteen fire departments responded from several bordering counties, as well as a number of emergency management organizations. The OHP Criminal Investigations Division, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Fire Marshal's Office investigated the case.

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