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Update: Java man identified in police shooting

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CHEEKTOWAGA — The Java man who was shot to death after he confronted a Cheektowaga police officer in a hotel parking lot late Saturday has been identified, law enforcement sources confirmed.

Darrell P. Bosell, 34, of 1672 Route 78 in Java Center had allegedly stolen a registered handgun from a relative Saturday. State police were contacted about 6 p.m. and four hours later troopers contacted Cheektowaga police with information that Bosell may be in that town.

An officer went to Best Western Hotel, which is across from Buffalo International Airport.

Bosell apparently confronted the officer in the parking lot and was shot.

Bosell was on probation for a 2014 DWI conviction in Wyoming County.

At a news conference Monday morning, police revealed more details about the shooting, including a timeline of the events preceding the shooting.

— Cheektowaga police were contacted at 9:58 p.m. regarding the stolen gun.

— At 10:11, Cheektowaga police were dispatched to a Dale Road address. Bosell was not there.

— At 10:25 p.m. an officer called Bosell and reported that he was “intoxicated and distressed. Fifteen minutes later a dispatcher calls Bosell and reported he is under “severe emotional distress and would not divulge his location.”

— Cellphone “pings” are received behind a restaurant and at 10:57 it was confirmed that Bosell had rented a room at Best Western.

— At 10:58 an officer arrives at Best Western.

Assistant Chief James Speyer told media during the press conference that Bosell possessed a gun and that the officer was forced to defend himself. The officer fired two shots at Bosell, who dropped his gun, which was not loaded.

He was taken to a hospital and pronounced dead.

Bosell was the second man from Wyoming County who has been shot and killed by police in the past year.

James Ellis, 44, of the village of Wyoming, was killed in a shootout with an Orleans County

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deputy on March 21, 2015.

Ellis, who also was on probation in Wyoming County, had a confrontation with his ex-girlfriend at her home in Shelby.

Police were called after it was revealed he had threatened the woman with a gun in an attempt to get information about her current boyfriend.

Ellis fled the house and was chased by deputies to Clarendon, where he crashed his car and ran into nearby woods.

Deputies and troopers arrived at the scene and Ellis began shooting at them. Deputy James DeFilipps went into the woods, where he confronted Ellis. Ellis fired and hit DeFilipps twice before DeFilipps returned fire, killing Ellis.

DeFilipps was wearing a bullet-proof vest and was protected from serious injury.

The Boswell family's attorney, Theron Foote, released a statement on their behalf Monday afternoon:

"On behalf of Mrs. Bosell, her children, and family, we would like to thank the Wyoming County Sheriff's Department, the Wyoming County dispatchers, the New York state police, and the Cheektowaga Police Department for their service and professionalism during this difficult time.

"We are grateful that no officer was hurt. We pray for the responding officer and his family, that he will be able to return to his job and serve his community soon. The Bosell family needs time to heal and respectfully request their privacy at this time."

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