

Revoked Bond Spurs Apparent Suicide

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A 59-year-old white male apparently shot himself and died Friday in a South S Street home after refusing to surrender to bail bond agents.

"We were concerned for him. Several of our tactical unit members were on duty at the time," Sgt. Daniel Grubbs, Fort Smith Police Department public information officer, said Friday. "They paired up. We used bunkers to make entry into the home and found him deceased inside from what appears to be self-inflicted gunshot wounds."

He said agents of JE Bonding of Fort Smith called police at about 3:30 p.m. to report shots fired.

The agents were at the home in the 1800 block of South S Street to pick up the man and revoke his bond after he failed Friday to appear on drug charges in Crawford County Circuit Court as scheduled.

They made contact with the man outside in the side yard of the home.

Grubbs said the bonding agents reported "he was cordial, then suddenly he ran into the rear part of the house through the back door of the residence."

They talked to him there through a glass door until the man then ran into another room.

The bondsmen told police they heard multiple gunshots from what sounded like a small-caliber gun.

Fort Smith police arrived shortly after the call, then began setting up a security perimeter around the residence and blocking nearby streets.

During the next 45 minutes, police officers made several attempts to reach the man by telephone before forcing entry into the residence.

Grubbs said police will continue to investigate the death although it appeared Friday to be a suicide.

It is the second fatal shooting in the same neighborhood in about three days.

Police were called Wednesday afternoon to the intersection of South Q and South 17th streets after Jamie Lee Czeck, 36, was found shot to death in an alleyway between South P and South Q streets.