

# Standoff ends after suspect found dead

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A standoff with multiple law enforcement agencies ended Monday night after the suspect apparently killed himself.

The man was identified late Monday night as David Call, 50, of Kansas City, Mo., by Trenton Police Chief Tommy Wright.

Court records show Mr. Call was charged Monday in Grundy County with first-degree murder, armed criminal action, second-degree arson and abandonment of a corpse in connection with a body found in a house fire in Trenton on Sunday night.

A no-bond warrant had been issued for his arrest.

Sgt. Jake Angle of the Missouri State Highway Patrol said the standoff began before 4 p.m. at a residence east of McFall, Mo.

Law enforcement had traced Mr. Call's cell phone pings because he was a "person of interest" in the Trenton case.

When authorities arrived at the residence Mr. Call reportedly opened fire on them from inside the house before barricading himself in the home. No one was injured.

Law enforcement established communication with Mr. Call and had attempted to negotiate with him.

Mr. Angle said just after 8 p.m., negotiators lost contact.

"Communications broke down, we lost communication with the subject inside the residence," Mr. Angle said. "At that time, a SWAT team entered the residence and found the suspect deceased from an apparent self-inflicted gun shot."

Law enforcement agencies from throughout the region responded to the McFall area. The community of about 90 people is located in Gentry County, northwest of Pattonsburg, Mo. Roads into the community were closed during the standoff.

Three armored vehicles, including Buchanan County's M-RAP, also responded.



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Law enforcement agencies are staged at the U.S. Highway 69 and State Route T intersection Monday evening.

“Any time you have a suspect willing to open fire on police, we have to take necessary precautions,” Mr. Angle said.

The developments in McFall came one day after authorities in nearby Trenton discovered a dead body inside a burning home.

Shortly after 9 p.m. Sunday, Trenton firefighters and Trenton police arrived at a house fully engulfed in flames. While extinguishing the blaze, firefighters discovered a dead body in the home.

Mr. Wright reported Monday that police were investigating what was called a fatal house fire. Authorities were unable to provide other details, such as the condition of the body or even the gender of the victim.

The fire is under investigation by the Trenton Police Department, Grundy County Sheriff’s Office, Missouri State Fire Marshal’s Office, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Authorities will conduct a forensic identification to determine the identify of the deceased person.