



# Oakdale Police News Release

---

## For Immediate Release

**Contact:** Kara Guevara / Janeen Yates (209) 847-2231  
**Release Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022  
**Case Number:** OP22-00083

### **Suspect's Name Released in Overnight Shooting**

The identity of the shooter has been released in an overnight shooting that led to a S.W.A.T. team response and ended with the suspect dead. The suspect who killed himself has been identified as 41-year-old Benjamin Michael King. Officers were called to a home in the 500 block of Laurel Avenue around 1:00 a.m. for a report of shots fired. When officers arrived, they found a 41-year-old woman suffering from gunshot wounds to the legs and pelvis. The officers quickly applied tourniquets, and she was transported to the hospital. Her condition is not known at this time. The officers discovered that the woman had an argument with King (her boyfriend) in a nearby home. When King pulled out a gun, the victim jumped through a window to escape. King fired several shots, hitting the woman. She then ran to a neighbor's home for help.

Officers set up a perimeter around the suspect's home on W. A Street, between California and Laurel Avenues while the Stanislaus County Sheriff's S.W.A.T. team moved into place. The area of B Street and Eucalyptus Avenue was also blocked off and a nearby elementary school went into lockdown.

This morning, a drone was deployed by the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office to provide a look inside the home. The drone revealed that King had died from a self-inflicted gunshot. Oakdale PD officers will remain on scene to investigate.