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Man Claims Self-Defense in Killing of Relative in NW Missouri

(AP) - Authorities say a relative is claiming self-defense in the fatal shooting of a Kansas man in rural northwest Missouri.

The St. Joseph News-Press reports that 34-year-old Mickey Lobdell of Manchester, Kansas was killed Friday night near Hopkins, Missouri.

Nodaway County Sheriff Darren White says Lobdell had been living with the alleged shooter since about November. The shooting happened after an argument ensued and Lobdell was asked to leave. White says Lobdell then returned and threatened to assault the alleged shooter.

The alleged shooter told authorities he fired at Lobdell because he had a disability and didn't feel he could defend himself. The alleged shooter was taken into custody, but released Saturday morning while authorities investigate whether the shooting was legally justified. An autopsy is planned.

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