

No Charges In Fatal Officer-Involved Shooting

(MSC News)-No charges will be filed in an officer-involved shooting that happened in Saint Joseph, Missouri.

Announcement of the decision was made Thursday by Buchanan County Prosecuting Attorney Dwight Scroggins.

Jason Fanning was shot and killed at 20th and Charles Streets on February 20.

[KQ2-TV](#) reports that Scroggins' office, in a news release, says the officer will face no charges because “a law enforcement officer is allowed to use deadly force if that officer has a reasonable belief that the use of such force is necessary to protect another from serious physical injury or death.”

The “other” the officer was protecting was an unarmed Buchanan County Sheriff's Department reserve officer ride-a-long.

The shooting happened after the officer confronted Fanning, who was inside a vehicle.

The investigation indicates Fanning attempted to back out of a private drive as the ride-a-long stood outside the patrol car.

The officer determined Fanning's driving posed a threat to the ride-a-long.

The prosecutor's office says there's no evidence to indicate Fanning was attempting to injure the officer and was not necessarily aware of the presence of the ride-a-long officer.

Saint Joseph Police, following the announcement from Scroggins, has now [released the name of the officer](#) who fired the fatal shots.

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