

No charges in "suicide-by-cop" fatal shooting

(KAIR)--No charges will be filed in connection with a fatal, officer involved shooting that occurred January 6 in Leavenworth County.

That conclusion is outlined in a release from the office of Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson, which says the investigation into the shooting has concluded, with Thompson determining the officers involved acted in self-defense.

That follows his review of audio, video, and written reports stemming from the probe, which led him to the conclusion that the shooting was a case of suicide by cop. That's defined in the release as a suicide method in which a suicidal individual deliberately behaves in a threatening manner, with the intent to provoke a lethal response from a public safety or law enforcement officer to end their own life.

Killed in the shooting, which occurred in the 400 block of Leavenworth's North 5th Street, was 44-year-old Micheal Mills, of Indianola, Iowa.

According to the initial investigation, conducted by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, the shooting happened after Mills allegedly charged toward an officer while brandishing a knife he refused to drop despite verbal commands to do so.

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