

### **Southeast Missouri Deputy Involved In Fatal Shooting** **News**

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BUTLER COUNTY, MO (KFVS) - One person is dead after an officer involved shooting outside a home in Butler County, Missouri.



Butler County Coroner Jim Akers told Heartland News he couldn't comment specifically on this case but did explain what will happen next. He will file an inquest, which means a jury will hear the evidence in this case and make a decision on if the death was justifiable.

Akers says the jury will be selected randomly by the Sheriff. It will consist of 6 taxpayers from Butler County.

He says they will hear sworn testimony from witnesses and be presented all the evidence. They will make a decision and if they believe the cause of death was not justified, Akers will provide all the evidence in this case to the prosecutor who will decide whether to charge the deputy involved.

The proceeding will be open to the public.

Akers wanted to be clear in that all the facts of this case will come out in the inquest. He wishes the speculation and rumors would stop until then.

Someone close with the family wanted to pass along they appreciate everyone thoughts and prayers through this tough time. They are waiting for the inquest before they issue any statements.

According to the Butler County Sheriff's Office, it happened in the 3700 block of State Route BB.

Around 12:50 a.m. on Saturday, officers got a call about a prowler/trespasser around a home.

A deputy made a sweep of the outdoor area of the home and shots were fired.

The officer shot back and fatally wounded a person.

The name of the officer or person killed is not being made available.

The deputy is on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation.

According to Butler County County Coroner Jim Akers, the coroner's office is leading the investigation and has asked the Missouri Highway Patrol to assist.

An autopsy scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Tuesday with Dr. Russel Deidiker. A coroner's jury inquest is pending.