

Grenade standoff ends with shooting

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NEW YORK -- A suspected New York weapons dealer was fatally shot this week after holding authorities at bay by threatening to detonate a grenade. The New York Post reported Wednesday that the unidentified suspect had been trying to sell the explosive device to an undercover operative when authorities attempted to apprehend him. While the operative left the vehicle the pair had been meeting in Tuesday night, the suspected weapons dealer threatened authorities with the grenade. As the man attempted to leave in his vehicle, a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agent attempted to grab the grenade from his hand. Authorities said that the agent was dragged by the car for nearly 20 feet but managed to fire his gun at the suspect before falling free. That shot struck the fleeing suspect, killing him. The Post said that after being investigated by bomb squad officials, the grenade was found to be inert.

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