

Mounties gun down man in armed standoff

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EDMONTON, Alberta -- A Canadian man was in critical condition in an Edmonton hospital Tuesday after being gunned down in an armed standoff with Mounties a day earlier. Royal Canadian Mounted Police spokesman Cpl. Wayne Oakes declined to identify the man shot at a farm in rural Smoky Lake, 65 miles northeast of Edmonton, but said it came as a result of officers trying to serve him with a court order, the Edmonton Sun said. The RCMP had been called to the house Sunday night about a domestic dispute, and Monday, 23 officers approached the house with a restraining order at 4:30 p.m., the Edmonton Journal said. Police said the man came out of the house with two long-barreled rifles and officers opened fire on him. Oakes said it wasn't immediately known how many times the man was shot. He was taken by helicopter to an Edmonton hospital, the reports said. It also wasn't immediately clear if the man had fired any shots, the Journal said.

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