

FBI agent shooting may have been accident

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READINGTON, N.J. - An FBI agent who was shot while pursuing alleged bank robbers in New Jersey may have been killed by friendly fire.

In a statement released late Thursday, the FBI said the shot that mortally wounded Special Agent Barry Lee Bush was probably from the "accidental discharge of another agent's weapon during a dynamic arrest situation," the Star-Ledger of Newark reported. At a news conference, agents said the robbery suspects are not believed to have fired.

The shooting is to be investigated by the FBI Inspection Division.

The FBI arrested two men at the scene and was searching for a third.

Bush was part of an FBI team investigating a string of bank robberies in central New Jersey. The suspects allegedly held up a PNC Bank branch in Readington Thursday morning.

One suspect allegedly escaped into a wooded area near the bank. He was identified as Francisco J. Herrera-Genao, 22, of New Brunswick.

About 300 police officers, state troopers and FBI agents joined the hunt Thursday afternoon. Residents of the area were warned to stay inside Thursday night.

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