

Portland murder suspect shoots herself in Redmond

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A woman suspected of shooting to death a 36-year old man in southeast Portland early this morning led police on a high-speed car chase in Central Oregon before sideswiping a truck in Terrebonne, continuing on to Redmond, fleeing on foot with a handgun, then shooting herself in the head while officers attempted to negotiate with her.

Jacqueline Kay Fielder - photo provided by PPB & RPD 30-year old Jacqueline Kay Fielder was transported by ambulance to St. Charles Medical Center in Bend, Oregon, where she is in reportedly in critical condition with what police described as a life-threatening single gunshot wound to the head.

Shortly after 5:30 a.m. May 30, Portland Police responded to a report of a "man down" near SE Boise Avenue and SE 104th Avenue. Officers found 36-year old Michael Kellerman dead of at least one gunshot. Investigators learned from witnesses that a woman allegedly was the shooter, and that she fled the area in a green Chevrolet Malibu with Oregon license plates

According to news releases issued by Redmond Police, Portland Police Bureau and Oregon State Police (OSP), police negotiators had periodic contact with Fielder via cell phone over the next two hours, but were unable to locate her.

About 7:40 a.m., and soon after an OSP trooper heard a dispatch broadcast, he spotted the suspect vehicle and kept it in sight until Jefferson County Sheriff's deputies and Madras Police officers arrived as backup.

State, county, and city officers tried to stop the suspect's vehicle as it traveled south on Highway 97 near milepost 113, but Fielder accelerated to near 100 mph and continued driving, evading several attempts by law enforcement to spike the car's tires.

As Fielder drove through Terrebonne, her vehicle sideswiped a commercial truck while passing on the right shoulder, and hit the guardrail. When she approached Redmond, additional officers from Redmond Police, Deschutes County Sheriff's Office (DCSO), and OSP were moving into position. A DCSO deputy deployed spike strips again, and was successful in damaging at least one tire.

The car stopped at the intersection of NW Birch and 6th Avenue in Redmond, and Fielder fled on foot towards a car lot, armed with a handgun. Officers found her behind a building on the lot, and for several minutes tried to talk her into surrendering while she held the gun to her head " then shot herself once.

Officers initiated first aid until medical personnel arrived and transported the woman to St. Charles Medical Center.

In coordination with the Portland Police Bureau, the ongoing investigation is being conducted by detectives that are part of an interagency Deschutes County Major Crime Team. OSP Forensic Crime Lab personnel are assisting.

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