

Woman who killed ex-boyfriend, shot herself, dies in Bend hospital

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A woman suspected of shooting her ex-boyfriend in southeast Portland Wednesday morning died today at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend from injuries she sustained when she shot herself in the head after a police car chase throughout Central Oregon.

Jacqueline Fielder, suspected of murdering her ex-boyfriend, died today in a Bend hospital from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head - PPB photo 30-year old Jacqueline Kay Fielder is suspected of shooting to death 36-year old Michael Kellerman near SE Boise Avenue and SE 104th Avenue in Portland shortly after 5:30 a.m., May 30.

Investigators learned from witnesses that a woman allegedly was the shooter, and quickly identified Fielder, the victim's former girlfriend, as the suspect. Reports said 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 where she succumbed to her injuries earlier today.

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