

UPDATED Caldwell County Manhunt Ends

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The manhunt in Caldwell County ended after authorities found the gunman dead outside his home.

Caldwell County authorities, including four SWAT teams, were searching for the man who shot an eight-year-old girl, her father, and two sheriff's deputies around midnight last night.

WSOC reports the shootings happened over a dog. A neighbor told WSOC the shooter's dog had a violent history, having attacked two children two years ago. According to the neighbor, the children's father shot the dog early Thursday morning and the animal's owner fired back.

The shootings occurred off of Grandin Road in the Kings Creek community. Kings Creek Elementary delayed school by three hours this morning to keep children out of harm's way while the hunt continued.

The two sheriff's deputies are being treated at Caldwell Memorial Hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. The girl has been transported to Wake Forest University Baptist

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Medical Center. The father was airlifted out of the Hickory Airport, but it is unclear where he is being treated.

According to our Foothills Bureau, all the victims are expected to make a full recovery.

The suspect and victims' names have not been released.

High Country Radio will pass along more information when it becomes available.