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## Gamers Involved In Fatal Wichita 'Swatting' Indicted On Federal Charges (kansas.com)

Posted by [BeauHD](#) on Thursday May 24, 2018 @09:00AM from the don't-do-the-crime-if-you-can't-do-the-time dept.

[bricko](#) shares a report from Kansas: *A federal grand jury has indicted the man accused in [Wichita's fatal swatting](#) as well as the [two gamers](#) involved in the video game dispute that prompted the false emergency call. The 29-page indictment was unsealed Wednesday in U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas. It [charges 25-year-old Tyler Barriss](#), who is facing state court charges including involuntary manslaughter, with false information and hoaxes, cyberstalking, threatening to kill another or damage property by fire, interstate threats, conspiracy and several counts of wire fraud, according to federal court records. One of the gamers -- 18-year-old Casey S. Viner of North College Hill, Ohio -- is charged with several counts of wire fraud, conspiracy, obstruction of justice and conspiracy to obstruct justice. The other gamer -- 19-year-old Shane M. Gaskill of Wichita -- is charged with several counts of obstruction of justice, wire fraud and conspiracy to obstruct justice.*

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0 [Horse-fuck those morons \(Score:1\)](#)

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And the overreacting police, too.

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Given the situation and looking at it from the perspective of Wichita's police, I don't think they acted

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It's really easy to use hindsight to accuse the police of acting wrongly when the outcome is something nobody wants. If one considers the situation, what the police where being told and what they observed, what happened was justified, even if it was unfortunate. From the perspective of the police, with the information they were provided by dispatch, the guy who got shot was an active

- [swat = licence to kill \(Score:1\)](#)  
by Anonymous Coward  
So I call the police for X reason  
Police are so shit they kill someone playing video games in their room  
Police keep their jobs  
I go to jail

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- [Re: \(Score:3\)](#)  
by [Layzej \( 1976930 \)](#)  
Hopefully someone finally starts to sort out the cultural problem the US police has too.  
Indeed. Canadian police vs known terrorist: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?...> [youtube.com]  
US police vs unarmed man pleading for his life: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?...> [youtube.com]  
Stark contrast.

- [Re: \(Score:1\)](#)  
by Anonymous Coward  
I yell "fire" in a packed room and people get trampled to death in a mass panic.  
Not my fault at all, it was those shitty people who panicked and trampled the victims to death.

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- [Re: \(Score:3\)](#)  
by [JackieBrown \( 987087 \)](#)  
I read the linked article. The Slashdot summary really sucks. It doesn't even mention the death or what swatting is. I had to read the article for that.  
The police where told that the man had killed his father, was holding his mother and sibling hostage and had soaked the house in gasoline. The man was a dead man walking the moment police where called. With the information they had, they didn't have the luxury to take their time to fully access the situation.  
I honestly support the civil lawsuit. It's e

- [I'll never understand this civil suit thing \(Score:2\)](#)  
by [Interfacer \( 560564 \)](#)  
This is something I still don't understand. It is up to the criminal court to decide whether the officers dis something wrong or not. If they didn't, then it's strange that the next of kin can essentially get a do-over with lower standards of guilt. In Europe, at least in most countries I am aware of, only the state can bring homicide cases to the court. When that is done, it is done.  
The US system allows someone to for example win a self defense case, only for the person who defended himself still to be fuc

- [Re: \(Score:2\)](#)  
by [Lab Rat Jason \( 2495638 \)](#)  
This is an interesting problem... if you look at nearly ALL police shootings, they typically seem unjustified from the general public's perspective, but the cops always say "the officer was in fear for his life"... and therefore it is somehow justified. The problem is the way the laws are written and the way police are trained. If you ever get to see police training materials, police conventions, or even the daily emails from the department, they are all oriented around the basic concept of "every interac

- [not enough \(Score:2, Insightful\)](#)  
by [sloth jr \( 88200 \)](#)  
So everyone gets charged except for the cop that actually killed a man? That seems a huge lapse of justice.

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- [Re: \(Score:2\)](#)  
by [JackieBrown \( 987087 \)](#)  
The police did their own review as well as a citizen review board. You have to read through several links to get to





Old news (Score:2)  
by [sjbe \( 173966 \)](#)

We're admitting that simply having the cops show up is so inherently dangerous that it constitutes a reckless disregard for human life.  
Anyone in the US who does not have white skin already knew that.

• [sounds like mockery of the state. \(Score:2, Troll\)](#)

by [nimbius \( 983462 \)](#)  
Having exposed local police for bungling ineptitude in the face of a hostage crisis, it seems authorities have no choice but to find every potential crime they can think of to charge this kid with. This includes, beguilingly, arson? Remember: this kid did not kill anyone. at best, he lied to police and should be tried for that. The real question is, what disciplinary action was taken against the officer or officers who fired on an unarmed man in his own home? Was a warrant issued to allow police to ente

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■ [Re: \(Score:2\)](#)

by [Jhon \( 241832 \)](#)  
DA on the "cop that shot the guy":  
"Bennett said he had to make a determination based on Kansas law and law handed down by the Supreme Court, which says that when determining if an officer acted reasonably, evidence has to be reviewed based on what the officer knew at the time of the shooting, not 20/20 hindsight, he said."  
The police were acting on deliberately deceptive information provided by the gamer.

■ [Re: \(Score:2\)](#)

by [Hognoxious \( 631665 \)](#)  
This is what happens when you arm the police idiots.  
FTFY.

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◦ [Re: \(Score:2\)](#)

by [LordWabbit2 \( 2440804 \)](#)  
Because more than a 3rd of Americans are armed - makes it kind of mandatory to arm the police, otherwise they would get picked off like flies.

■ [Re: \(Score:2\)](#)

by [Jhon \( 241832 \)](#)  
"Because more than a 3rd of Americans are armed"  
Actually, we're all armed. Only a third of us with guns. Knives can kill. Bats can kill. Rocks can kill.  
Fun fact: Gun ownership is down from 50+ years ago.

• [Jeez, the Wheels of Justice Sure Do Grind Slowly.. \(Score:1\)](#)

by [thebryce \( 1076543 \)](#)  
...but they do grind.

• [obstruction of justice = talked to cops \(Score:2\)](#)

by [sinij \( 911942 \)](#)  
No matter what, don't ever talk to cops. When these are the only charges, you know someone got railroaded.

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