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# FBI Special Agent killed in line of duty

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**FLINT COUNTY, Md.** -- An on duty FBI Special Agent (*Megan Winterfield*) was killed yesterday afternoon while responding to a report of a suspicious group in the Flint County area. A spokesperson with the Bureau confirms that Special Agent Winterfield will be added to the [Wall of Honor](#)-- which, as the website describes, is a list of “FBI Agents Killed as the Direct Result of Adversarial Action”



It is with heavy heart that we announce the death of Special Agent M. Winterfield, who was pronounced dead at 7 A.M this morning.

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Following an immediate manhunt, 23 year-old Rebecca Thompson was apprehended by law enforcement and charged with first-degree murder. Three other men and one woman were also apprehended by the Bureau however there is no information regarding them at this time, according to the Flint County Sheriff's Department via twitter.

Special Agent Flynn Roberts, a spokesperson with the FBI, stated that Winterfield was aware of the dangers she faced in the Bureau and all-in-all was happy to serve. Roberts also concluded that Winterfield has had an impressively long history in law enforcement at such a young age, and to see her go is a “tragedy at least”.

Roberts also told us that it was more unfortunate, as it was just a “Wrong place, wrong time” scenario.

*“Words cannot describe how genuinely upset and devastated we are to have lost one of our best field agents”* -- A quote from Deputy Director Nicholas Reeves.

Thompson was arrested near his black Sunrise nearly 30 minutes later after the shooting. He told detectives that Winterfield spooked him, and when she revealed she was an officer it was “game over for her.”

Thompson also told detectives that he tried to leave the situation before it happened, however Winterfield did not let them leave. This led Thompson to shoot her in order to get away.

A bystander who witnessed the shooting said that he “had been watching that group for a minute.” but he “couldn’t have guessed they were capable of something so devastating.”

The suspect’s vehicle was found, abandoned on the side of the road next to Highway 25, according to Roberts. The suspect used this vehicle to get away but was forced to pull over when one of his tires popped.

*“I honestly believe it to be an act of god.”* Special Agent Keith Lawrence said. *“Had it not been for that tire, we might have never caught him.”* Lawrence was one of the agents responsible for apprehending Thompson.

The Bureau will be holding a closed showing, for family and close friends to attend. A public funeral will be held in Washington D.C, on the 3rd of June.

Winterfield was pronounced dead at 7 A.M this morning by a doctor at All Saints General Hospital. A gunshot wound to the chest proved to be fatal after a short 45 minute battle between life and death.

*“She will be dearly missed-- to say the least.”* Reeves concluded in his statement today.

Her friends and family have been informed of the incident. No more information about the other suspects has been released.

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