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# Monterey County deputies seek public's help investigating deadly shooting on Hwy 68

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A man was shot by the side of Highway 68 and Monterey County detectives are searching for answers.

On Tuesday night, Monterey County Sheriff's deputies and California Highway Patrol officers found Stillman Sprague, 68, of Monterey, near the intersection of Highway 68 and Hitchcock Road.

He'd been shot and was on the ground next to his vehicle, according to investigators. Paramedics rushed Sprague to a nearby hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Sheriff's detectives are investigating the case, but have not determined whether the wounds were self-inflicted, resulted from an accident, or suffered in a homicide, deputies said.

Anyone with information or who was in the area at about 6 p.m. Tuesday is asked to call Detective Rafael Garcia at (831) 755-3914 or Detective Sgt. Bryan Hoskins at (831) 755-3773.

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