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Gunman kills four in Washington state before police shoot him down

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USPA News - At least five people were confirmed dead after a domestic dispute in the state of Washington turned into a deadly shooting, officials said Monday. The violent shooting took place in Federal Way, Washington, located just south of Seattle, at around 9:30 p.m. local time after a domestic dispute between a couple at the Pinewood Apartments residential complex.

Federal Way Police Chief Brian Wilson spoke during a news conference on Monday, stating that the 28-year-old gunman was arguing with his girlfriend when he shot her dead. He then went outside and shot and killed two other men in the parking lot. Shortly after he forced himself into a neighboring apartment where he shot and killed a 61-year-old man. Local police received the emergency call and arrived as gunshots were still being fired. KOMO News reported that the police confronted the gunman on a stairway. The gunman was wounded but fled. He was later found on the ground not far away from the initial point of confrontation. After not following orders, he reached out for a handgun and police opened fire, which ultimately killed the man. No officers were hurt, Wilson said, although it was uncertain whether the gunman had shot against the police. The relationship between the other victims and the gunman was not immediately known, but authorities said he might have been trying to eliminate witnesses. The gunman had permission to carry the firearm, despite having a history of incidents regarding domestic violence. The names of the suspect and victims were not immediately disclosed.

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