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COTTONDALE

## Man shot and killed

*Juvenile suspect taken into custody*

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One person was shot and killed Wednesday night near Cottondale.

Deputies responded to a call about a gunshot victim at a home in the 300 block of County Road 3573 west of Cottondale around 6:45 p.m.

They found an adult male,

later identified as 49-year-old Monty Bennett, with a gunshot wound at his residence. Wise County EMS and Cottondale Volunteer Fire Department also responded to the scene, but

life-saving efforts were unsuccessful. Bennett was declared dead at the scene.

Wise County Sheriff Lane Akin said a female juvenile suspect was taken into custody

nearby Wednesday evening.

"We have a suspect in custody, but it's a juvenile, so we're not releasing the name of that person," Akin said.

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