

SHOT TO DEATH RESISTING OFFICERS

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"Poker" Williams and his son are dead at their home in the northeast portion of Choctaw county, near the McCurtain county line, as a result of an encounter with McCurtain county officers Tuesday evening.

The officers from McCurtain county went to Williams' house in search of stolen meat, which it was thought Williams had in his possession.

One of the officers set his gun down while making the search and Williams made a grab for the gun. The officer immediately shot Williams dead. The son attempted to get the gun and he also was shot and killed by one of the officers.

Williams is said to have been a rough character, and in this instance he was charged with stealing the meat from parties over in McCurtain county, and this led to the tragedy Tuesday evening.