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Police Watchdog The IPCC to probe stun gun death

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The death of a man who was shot by armed officers with a stun gun during a domestic dispute has been referred to the independent police watchdog, detectives said.

Armed officers were called to the incident in the Goldington area of Bedford at 7pm on Saturday night after reports of a dispute, Bedfordshire Police said.

When they arrived at the house, in The Spinney, they found an injured man in his 30s armed with a knife. The man was shot with a taser gun after threatening officers, a force spokeswoman said.

The spokeswoman said: *"Armed officers went to the address after being called to a domestic dispute involving a mother and son. On arrival at the property police found an man in his 30s suffering from injury but armed with a knife. He threatened officers and as a result the taser was discharged"*. The man retreated into the house where officers found he needed urgent medical attention, the spokeswoman said. **He was taken to Bedford Hospital where he died.** A post-mortem examination is due to be carried out to establish the cause of death.

The incident has been referred to the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC). The spokeswoman said the IPCC would look into the incident on Monday and decide whether or not to launch an investigation.

The use of TASERS was reported on by the PPP as was Brunstrom's stunt when he was allegedly Tasered by his own officers. Our main concern was his abusive attitude and comments after this event which could lead to indiscriminate use and occasional deaths.