

# Deputies arrest man who shot at accused Tarpon Springs cop killer

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Tarpon Springs Police Officer shot and killed  
The Tarpon Springs Police Department posted this photo on its Facebook page in honor of slain officer "Charlie K" Kondek.



PINELLAS COUNTY, FL (WFLA) -

Investigators have made another arrest in connection with the murder of a Tarpon Springs Police Officer.

Pasco and Pinellas deputies put the cuffs on Jareem Roach on Monday night. They believe he was the man, accused cop killer Marco Parilla, was initially looking for.

Pinellas Sheriff Bob Gualtieri says Parilla believed Roach had ratted him out on the conditions of his release from prison, and as a result, law enforcement officers were looking for him. The sheriff says Parilla went to the Tarpon Springs apartment complex to have it out with Roach.

While he went to Roach's door, a female friend waited in the car with the radio blaring. Another resident became upset and asked her to turn the music down. She refused and instead waved a hand gesture at the man. He called police and Officer Charles Kondek was dispatched. Moments later, that same resident called police again to report shots fired and an officer down.

Investigators believe, after Parilla unloaded his weapon at the officer, Roach believed he would be the target, and opened fire on Parilla. "This all happened in a very, very short period of time," said Gualtieri. "From the time the Parilla fired and emptied that gun at the officer, all seven rounds at the officer, the officer returns those two rounds, the time that Roach comes downstairs at Parilla."

"After Roach unloads the 9mm into the car and Parilla is driving off, Roach does something at that point, and that's what we don't know," said Gualtieri. "Does he take the gun and go back into the apartment? Does he discard the gun someplace? What does he do with that gun? That's the question that we don't know."

Detectives initially questioned Roach as a witness, but released him. They were searching for him and finally caught up with him at a motel in Pasco County. Roach now faces a charge of felon in possession of a firearm.