

Mark A. Foster
See gunshot death
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as self-inflicted one

Mark A. Foster, 20, of Rte. 2, Tama, died Saturday afternoon of what authorities said apparently was a self-inflicted wound from a .22 caliber rifle.

Foster was found by an unidentified family member in a farm field east of the family residence 10 miles northeast of Grinnell in rural Poweshiek County.

Deputy Sheriff Larry Wray said he died en route to Grinnell General Hospital.

Foster's body was taken to Des Moines Saturday evening for an autopsy, and Wray said Tuesday that initial results indicated that death was the result of a single shot from the rifle.

The Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation was also involved in the case at midweek, and DCI Director Gerald Shanahan said certain laboratory tests were still being performed.

But Wray said authorities are "pretty confident" that no foul play was involved.

Obituary

Graveside services for Mark Foster were conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Maple Grove Cemetery near Tama. The Rev. Marcia Hall, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church of Tama, officiated. Pallbearers were Jody Clayton, Jim Graham, Raymond Graham, Addison Jensen, Glenn Thompson and Jay Thompson.

Memorials in his name may be sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home.

The son of Charles R. and Peggy J. Emery Foster, he

was born March 18, 1963, in Grinnell. He attended Grinnell schools, graduating from Grinnell High School in 1981. He worked with his father on the family farm.

Survivors include his parents; four sisters, Linda Schulz of Grinnell and Jill, Jane and Joyce Foster, all of the family home; and two brothers, Bobby and Jeff Foster, also of the family home. He was preceded in death by a brother, Leslie Foster, and his grandparents.