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Baptist pastor charged with murder



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Pastor Michael Elder has been charged with first-degree murder. He is accused of shooting his son-in-law, Gary Davidson. According to a report on March 1 by KWTW Channel 9 News in Oklahoma City, the pastor of The Cross **Baptist Church** in Oklahoma City shot his son-in-law over a dispute about a pickup truck.

Gary Davidson was shot and killed on Feb. 20 in his Oklahoma City home. He had recently filed for divorce from Pastor Elder's daughter. Information about the reason for

the divorce was unavailable at the time of publication.

"This is sad news for everyone involved," Kathy Seward, from Oklahoma City, said. "It is sad for the families and the church. I feel horrible for everyone. Whatever happened had to be really bad for a preacher to kill someone."

Court documents state that the shooting was a result of an argument over a pickup truck. The pickup was a in both of their names.

James Elder is the pastor of The Cross Baptist Church in southwest Oklahoma City. At this time, he is in the Oklahoma County jail. At this time, he is being held without bond.

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