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TAYLOR – Police say a man being sought in connection with the carjacking of an 86-year-old woman may have been killed Monday in an unrelated shootout with police in Illinois.

Taylor Police said they received a tip that Detroit parole absconder **Robert Craig Sherrill**, 48, could be a possible suspect in the carjacking and attempted kidnapping that occurred around 12:30 p.m. March 15 in front of Ray's Prime Meats.

Police said they attempted to locate **Sherrill** for questioning. By Tuesday, investigators learned he was killed in a shootout with Canadian National Railway Police around 9 p.m. Monday in Homewood, Ill.

Taylor Police are working with Canadian National Railway Police and Illinois State Police to determine if **Sherrill** was in fact the suspect responsible for the carjacking, but said information so far lines up.

"Each piece of information we get it looks more and more like him," said Taylor Police Cmdr. Don Helvey. "We're still pursuing it to button things up. If it's not him, we want to know. We'll keep looking."

Helvey said **Sherrill**, who state records show served time for armed robbery, kidnapping, firearms and other offenses, was expected to meet with his parole officer the day after the carjacking occurred.

The woman's vehicle has not been recovered. It will be a "key piece" in nailing down the case, Helvey said.

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