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(Neb)-Peaceful Mother's Day March/Protest In Rushville

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RUSHVILLE - About 50 people, mostly Native American, held a march-protest-remembrance in Rushville Sunday that ended at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, where a Native American assault suspect was shot and killed by a Sheridan County Sheriff's deputy during mass on Palm Sunday

Authorities and churchgoers said 32-year old Clarence Leading Fighter had come into the church with a knife in his hand, leading the pursuing deputy to use deadly force to protect himself and the parishioners from potential serious harm.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer says Sunday's march and rally, which also honored mothers on Mother Day, was totally peaceful while Father Joseph K. Joseph told the Chadron Record that the march arrived after services had concluded and had no impact on the church or its attendees.

The Nebraska State Patrol handled the initial investigation at the request of Sheriff Brewer, but Nebraska law requires a grand jury be convened to investigate anytime someone dies while in custody or in the process of being arrested. That proceeding has not yet been held.