



Man arrested after 10-hour standoff with police

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On Feb. 6, 2019, members of the Dayton SWAT/HNT and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Regional SWAT team were able to peacefully resolve a standoff with an armed suspect who remained barricaded in a home with two small children for more than 10 hours.

On Feb. 5 at 9:13 p.m., officers were dispatched to 1916 Elsmere Ave. on a domestic violence call. Officers met with a female who came out of the house when they arrived. She told the officers not to go inside the house because the male inside had two guns and said he would kill them or force officers to shoot him.

Officers set up a perimeter and called for additional crews. Officers spoke to a neighbor, who stated that the male subject was a threat to police, that he was intoxicated, and was going to cause a standoff. The suspect, Todd King, came to the door then retreated into the house. He also spoke with officers from the porch at various times while holding a baby.

Officers began giving commands for the suspect to exit the house. A short time later, King approached the glass front door with a rifle. Officers continued to give him commands. At this point, King pointed the rifle at officers, which resulted in two officers discharging their firearms. Preliminary investigation indicates that King fired a weapon at least once at the officers during the encounter.

Dayton SWAT/HNT, along with Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Regional SWAT, responded and negotiated with the suspect for approximately 10 hours. During this time, negotiators tried to convince King to surrender and release the children. The teams were successful in negotiating with King, who surrendered at 8:48 a.m. The two children (2-years-old and 8-months-old) appeared unharmed, but were removed by medic to a local hospital for evaluation as a precaution. During the incident, King suffered a superficial laceration, likely from debris.

Dayton homicide detectives are conducting the criminal investigation and will

present charges for prosecution. The Professional Standards Bureau is conducting an independent internal investigation. The two officers who discharged their firearms are on administrative leave per department policy.

"The initial officers responded promptly and appropriately to a volatile and life-threatening situation. Their response and use of counter-force was done to protect their lives, the lives of innocent members of the community, and specifically the children at risk inside the home. The subsequent tactical response by additional Dayton Police Officers and Montgomery County Sheriff's Deputies, and the collective patience demonstrated by all police personnel throughout the more than 10-hour standoff, was exemplary and in keeping with the highest standards of service to the public," said Chief Richard Biehl.

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