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News Release

Man detained Friday after domestic incident leads to standoff

Suspect taken to mental health facility after drugs, guns discovered in home

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (January 8, 2018) — The Arkansas City Police Department took a 35-year-old Arkansas City man into custody Friday afternoon after a domestic incident led to an armed standoff.

The man was not arrested, although possible charges of battery-domestic violence, criminal use of weapons, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of methamphetamine are being evaluated.

Officers were dispatched about 3:13 a.m. Friday to a domestic disturbance at 915 South B St.

The initial report indicated a female was barricaded in a bathroom at the residence and a male was threatening her with a gun. Police arrived at 3:15 p.m. and heard yelling from within the residence.

They approached the home and saw a 35-year-old female in the front doorway. They were able to move her away from the residence and to safety.

The male suspect was seen inside the open front door and officers instructed him to exit the home.

The man responded with statements telling the officers to shoot him. However, positive communications were maintained with the man and he eventually came out to the front yard willingly.

He was armed with knives and ammunition, which were taken from him. He was placed in handcuffs.

The man appeared to be in mental crisis, so he was transported to South Central Kansas Medical Center for a mental health evaluation. He later was transferred to a secure mental health facility.

A search of the home turned up a number of rifles, shotguns and handguns, which were seized, along with various drug paraphernalia and substances thought to be methamphetamine.

Reports have been submitted to the Cowley County Attorney's Office in connection with this incident for the consideration of possible criminal charges.

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