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AURORA POLICE CRISIS NEGOTIATION TEAM BRINGS PEACEFUL ENDING TO HOURS-LONG STANDOFF

Aurora Police's Crisis Negotiation Team brought a peaceful ending to an hours-long standoff on the city's east side Wednesday morning.

Just after 2 a.m., Aurora Police 911's Center received a call of a man with a gun in the 500 block of Bangs Street. The caller told dispatchers that the man was shooting and breaking out windows on a parked vehicle using the gun. Officers responded within minutes and found the man had barricaded himself inside a home.

Responding officers received information that there were potentially multiple people inside the home with the suspect, along with additional firearms. Officers also learned that the man had made threats of suicide by cop over the past month.

Due to this information, Aurora Police's Special Response Team (SRT) and Crisis Negotiation Team were requested to the scene just before 2:45 a.m.

During the course of the morning, officers were able to determine that there was only one other person inside the house with the man. Officers made announcements for them to come outside and just after 4:15 a.m., a woman walked out of the home uninjured.

For nearly five hours, APD's Crisis Negotiation Team and Special Response Team tried to make contact with the man inside the home and ask him to come out, but the man had turned off his cell phone and refused to answer any announcements being made on loudspeakers.

Just before 9 a.m., the negotiations took a positive turn when APD's Crisis Negotiation Team was able to speak to the man for the first time on the telephone. Within 40 minutes, APD's Crisis Negotiators were able to convince the man to surrender peacefully.

"This was a scenario that might have had a very different outcome but for the response of our officers, negotiators, and Special Response Team members," Chief Kristen Ziman said. "Their training, and ultimately their patience, brought this incident to a peaceful resolution."

Detectives from APD's Investigations Division obtained a search warrant for the home. Detectives and Evidence Technicians responded to the scene to search the home and identify and collect forensic evidence from the incident.

The investigation remains on-going.

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