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PRESS RELEASE

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Standoff lasts for 10 hours

On October 4, 2006, at approximately 8:00 pm, while in uniform, Weld County Sheriff's Office Deputies Kevin Schwartz, Eric Stauts, and John Tucker went to a residence in the 1400 block of Weld County road 32 to attempt service of legal documents.

There was no answer after knocking at the front door. The deputies then went to the back door where they observed a male sitting in a chair near a television. After knocking and yelling into the residence the male continued to sit in the chair and was unresponsive.

Deputies were concerned for the well being of the male and continued to knock and announce. A

deputy found an unlocked door and opened it slightly to address the male. The male was still unresponsive. The deputies called an ambulance fearing a medical problem. A deputy opened the door slightly again and announced they were calling an ambulance. The male then looked at the deputies, ran toward his front door and picked up a shotgun. As the male turned to face the back door he pointed the gun at the deputies. The male began to yell profanities at the deputies and moved toward the back door.

The deputies moved to cover and called for emergency backup from surrounding law enforcement agencies. Officers from Firestone, Frederick, Platteville police and the Colorado State Patrol came assist the deputies.

The officers repeatedly made attempts to call the male via telephone and public address system but he did not respond.

The Greeley Police SWAT team was called to assist with the barricaded man.

Officer's attempts to continue to communicate with the man were unsuccessful.

At approximately 1:20 am a search warrant and arrest warrant were signed and the SWAT team sent a robot to break out a window and introduced tear gas into the home but the male did not leave the residence. Additional gas was deployed into the home at approximately 2:50 am.

The male agreed to surrender to a Longmont Police detective. The detective came to the residence and the male surrendered without further incident and was taken into custody at approximately 6:15 am.

James Doke, 62, was arrested and taken to North Colorado Medical Center after complaining of breathing problems.

After he is released from the hospital Doke will be booked in to the Weld County Jail for first degree assault on a police officer, failure to leave premises, and obstructing a peace officer.



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