



Police Department
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Press Release

ON 09/29/08, AT AROUND 6 P.M., THE COLONY POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS DISPATCHED TO THE 5400 BLOCK OF GIBSON DR. IN REFERENCE TO A WELFARE CONCERN. ON SCENE INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT A MALE SUBJECT (BELIEVED TO BE ARMED) WAS INSIDE THE RESIDENCE HOLDING AN ADULT FEMALE HOSTAGE. A PERIMETER WAS SET UP ON THE RESIDENCE BY THE COLONY POLICE SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM. NEGOTIATIONS BEGAN WITH THE MALE SUBJECT. THE FEMALE WAS EVENTUALLY RELEASED FROM THE RESIDENCE, AND IT WAS LEARNED THAT SHE WAS NOT BEING HELD AGAINST HER WILL. HOWEVER, IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE MALE SUBJECT HAD TWO OUTSTANDING FELONY WARRANTS AND THE SUBJECT REFUSED TO SURRENDER TO POLICE. NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SUBJECT CONTINUED WITH THE SUBJECT UNTIL 3 A.M. SINCE NEGOTIATIONS FOR PEACEFUL SURRENDER HAD FAILED, CHEMICAL AGENTS WERE INTRODUCED INTO THE RESIDENCE. THE SUBJECT THEN EXITED THE RESIDENCE AND WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. THE SUBJECT IS IDENTIFIED AS SONNY HARRIS (36 YOA). THE INCIDENT LASTED APPROXIMATELY 9 HOURS AND THERE WERE NO INJURIES TO ANYONE. MR. HARRIS WAS TRANSPORTED AND BOOKED INTO THE COLONY JAIL. FOR SAFETY REASONS, SOME RESIDENTS WERE DISPLACED UNTIL THE INCIDENT HAD CONCLUDED.

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