Family Disturbance Call Ends In Shooting

On May 31, 2009, at 11:11pm, Deputies were called to 4004 River Road, in Southeast Travis County, in reference to a Family Disturbance. Upon arrival the deputies were told that the suspect was agitated and he may hurt himself or someone else. Responding deputies saw the man come out of his house carrying two long guns and called Travis County Sheriffs SWAT to the scene. SWAT Deputies took control of the house and had Sheriff’s Negotiators try to make contact with the suspect and put Austin/Travis County EMS on standby in the area. At about 2:45am, the man came out of the house carrying a shotgun. He walked up close to an armored SWAT vehicle and was told to put his weapon down. The man then raised the shotgun towards the deputies, despite their pleas for him to put the weapon down. He was shot one time in the torso before he could shoot the deputies.

EMS was called up to the house and the man was transported, by StarFlight, to University Medical Center at Brackenridge where he is listed in critical condition.

He has been identified as,

Douglas Willard, Date of Birth 1-21-1975.

No charges have been filed against Mr. Willard at this time. During the incident Mr. Willard’s female friend was in the residence. She was not injured.

The Deputy who is involved in the shooting is identified as,

Senior Deputy Scott Schroeder.

Scott has been with the Sheriff’s Office for over 18 years and with the SWAT Unit for over 5 years. He has been assigned to administrative duties while the investigation proceeds.

As with all deputy involved shootings there will be investigations by the Internal Affairs Unit and the Major Crimes Unit. The Texas Rangers will also oversee the investigation.

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