Deputy Involved Shooting on FM 812

On December 11, 2011, at 11:51am, family members called the Sheriff’s Office stating that there was a man, armed with weapons, who was threatening to harm himself. He was found at a residence in the 11100 Block of FM 812 and Deputies went to the home to check on him. When deputies arrived they were able to coax the man from the residence several times but were unable to get close enough to the man to take him into custody.

The Travis County Sheriff’s Office SWAT Team, as well as the Crisis Negotiation Team, was called to the scene. As they were arriving the man was seen exiting the residence with a weapon. At one point the man was seen shooting his weapon into the air towards a helicopter that was flying overhead.

The man, identified as;

Joshua Blair Samuelson, Date of Birth 9-16-1980

of Dale, Texas, was in the field just East of the residence when he confronted two Deputies. He raised his weapon towards them and he was told to put the weapon down. He then turned towards other Deputies in the field and raised his weapon as if to fire on them. That is when he was shot.

The Sheriff’s Office Major Crimes Unit, Internal Affairs Unit, the Medical Examiner’s Office and the District Attorney’s Office are investigating. The case will also be reviewed by the Texas Rangers, which is standard practice in these cases.

The Deputy involved in this shooting is identified as Carlos Rodriguez. He has been with the Sheriff’s Office for over 20 years and has been on the Fugitive Warrant/SWAT Team for over 8 years. He will be assigned to administrative duties until the investigation is complete.

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