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Suicidal Subject in Custody

Man barricaded in home, threatening "death by cop" has been arrested

Inyo County Special Enforcement Detail, comprised of Inyo County Sheriff's deputies and Bishop Police Department officers, was called to action yesterday to remove a suicidal and armed man who had barricaded himself in his fifth-wheel trailer in the Sheppard Lane area of Bishop. The subject has been identified as Wilfred Alan Schober, a 67-year-old local.

The incident commenced at approximately 2:45 yesterday afternoon when deputies responded to a report of a disturbance and potential suicidal subject. When deputies arrived to investigate however, the suspect fled into his fifth-wheel and barricaded himself. Schober was known by individuals to possess firearms and was reported to have been drinking heavily. Additionally, he had been making comments to neighbors that he intended on committing suicide via "death by cop".

Initial attempts to communicate with Schober proved futile. Within roughly an hour of the initial response a trained negotiator with Bishop Police Department arrived and was briefly successful in maintaining communication with the subject, until Schober turned his phone off and refuse to answer.

A decision was made to utilize a chemical agent to force Schober to exit. Shober was taken into custody at approximately 8:00 pm without injury to himself or officers involved. He was taken to Northern Inyo Hospital for medical clearance and mental health evaluation before being booked for public intoxication and obstruction/delaying an officer in the performance of their duties. No shots were fired.

"It was a great team effort by all agencies involved," stated Inyo County Sheriff, Bill Lutze.

Responding to the incident were Inyo County Sheriff's Department, Bishop Police Department, CHP, Symons Ambulance Service, Fire Department, and Inyo County Mental Health.

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