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"Armed Suicidal Subject Located and taken into Custody"

On June 3, 2015, at approximately 4:03 pm, Coalinga Police Communications received a call from a person reporting information about a suicidal Coalinga resident. The resident, whose name will remain confidential due to privacy laws, was reportedly armed with a firearm and planned to take his own life at a home in the 300 block of Janay Court in Coalinga.

Coalinga Police Officers and Detective's responded to residences in the 300 block of Janay Court and a second home used by the despondent person located in the 300 block of East Houston Street in Coalinga. He was not located at either home.

Through further investigation, Detectives were able to determine that the despondent person was in the area of the old Coalinga Municipal Airport located on Elm and Phelps Avenues. Detectives were able to establish telephone contact with the despondent person, who made claims to be armed and threatened to kill himself and police if they attempted to stop him.

Due to the large geographical area, assistance was requested from the Fresno County Sheriff's Office, which included deputies and air support from Eagle One.

Eagle One was able to locate the despondent person in a field and directed police to his location where he was safely taken into custody on a mental health hold. He was not armed at the time, but did discard clothing and property as Eagle One circled above. The despondent person was transported to a county approved mental health facility.

As of this press release, Police Officers and Detectives are continuing to search the area for the weapon the despondent person had.

The Coalinga Police Department would like to thank the Fresno County Sheriff's Office for their assistance during this investigation.

"All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law"