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"Barricaded Suicidal Subject"

On June 22, 2013, at approximately 8:59 am, Coalinga Police Officers responded to the 500 block of East Polk Street to investigate a suicidal person who was barricaded in a home with a loaded shotgun held to his head.

Upon arrival, police interviewed several witnesses who confirmed that a mid-thirty year old male was alone in the home and did have a loaded shotgun held to his head. Contact with the male via telephone was made by police and crisis negotiations was initiated. The male refused to exit the home and confirmed he did have a loaded shotgun.

During negotiations, residents in the area were evacuated and a portion of East Polk Street was shut down. After several minutes of talking with the suicidal male via telephone, he agreed to exit the home unarmed.

The suicidal male exited the home and he was taken into custody. He was transported to a mental health facility for a mental health evaluation. The loaded shotgun was recovered at the scene.

The Coalinga Police Department would like to take the opportunity to make the public aware that several programs are available to assist those in need of mental health, substance abuse and alcohol abuse assistance. For further information please refer to the Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health website at www.co.fresno.ca.us/Departments.aspx?id=120

The name of the involved party (s) is being withheld due to privacy laws.