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BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

1905 Indianapolis Ave.

Lebanon, IN 46052

Sheriff Michael T. Nielsen



March 2, 2022

Final Update

Law Enforcement Investigates Barricaded Male Subject With a Firearm

At 12:35 PM, the Boone County Special Response Team took Mr. Nicholas Schuhler into custody.

In summation, at approximately 4:57 AM this morning, the Boone County Communications Center received a phone from a concerned citizen that Mr. Nicholas Schuhler had pointed a gun at them. The concerned citizen left the area, all the while Mr. Schuhler was said to have continued to point the firearm at the citizen as they drove out of the area. Shortly thereafter the concerned citizen called 911 to report the incident.

Upon law enforcement's arrival on-scene, Mr. Schuhler retreated into a nearby family member's residence. Law enforcement was able to set up a perimeter around the residence and evacuate all those within the residence, other than Mr. Schuhler. Shortly after, multiple residences near the residence of interest were evacuated as well, as a public safety measure.

Once the Boone County Special Response Team and the Boone County Crisis Negotiation Team arrived on-scene, the process of trying to establish communications commenced. Multiple efforts were made by the negotiation team to make contact with Mr. Schuhler, all of which were unsuccessful. After exhausting all avenues of communication, the decision was made to send in a robot in an attempt to locate Mr. Schuhler's location within the residence. It was at this time we found that Mr. Schuhler had barricaded himself in the garage area that had been renovated into a living area.

It was then decided that gas projectiles would be introduced into the residence in an effort to get Mr. Schuhler to exit the house and peacefully surrender. Shortly after the projectiles were deployed, Mr. Schuhler briefly exited the residence, with the firearm in his hand, and then shortly thereafter he returned back inside, where he remained for the duration of the incident until his apprehension.

Gas projectiles and pepper balls were deployed into the residence multiple times with no effect. It was then decided that a small, flying, drone be introduced into the residence to once again try to pinpoint Mr. Schuhler's location within the residence. Doing this allowed us to not only pinpoint Mr. Schuhler's location but also check on his welfare. This tactic ultimately allowed the Special Response Team to

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identify where Mr. Schuhler was within the residence. Shortly after that, more gas projectiles, along with a flashbang was introduced into the residence, followed by the Special Response Team. It was due to the above-listed actions and tactics that Mr. Schuhler was apprehended without injury to himself, the officers on-scene, and/or the public.

Mr. Schuhler is currently being held in the Boone County Jail on the preliminary charges of Pointing a Firearm (x2) and Possession of a Firearm without a License. Also, the firearm that Mr. Schuhler was brandishing during this incident was a Taurus PT 58 S .380 ACP. The firearm, along with 1 magazine, and 12 rounds of Hornady .380 auto, were seized and placed into BCSO evidence.

Sheriff Mike Nielsen's Statement

"This is another example of all of our public safety partners coming together to resolve a very challenging situation. It took our local, state, and federal partners working in unison to come to this peaceful resolution. I am thankful for the partnership we have with all our public safety agencies in this county, state, and country. Those folks who are behind the scenes such as Fire, EMS, Communications, and Corrections never can get enough credit for their professionalism. I am glad on a day such as today as we celebrate the life of Deputy Pickett four years to the date that he was watching over all of us and helped us all get home safely."

Assisting Agencies:

Zionsville Police Department
Zionsville Fire Department
Whitestown Metropolitan Police Department
Indiana State Police
Carmel Police Department
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
Boone REMC

Update #5

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We are pleased to announce that at this time Mr. Schuhler has been apprehended without any injury to himself, the officers on-scene, and/or the public.

We will be providing a summation updated media release later this afternoon. The incident location is still an active crime scene and still under investigation.

In closing, please keep all person(s) involved with this incident today in your thoughts and prayers. March 2nd was already a stressful one prior to this morning's incident. We appreciate you and thank you in advance.

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Update #4

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At this time, Mr. Schuhler is still within the residence, refusing to communicate and/or come out. Law enforcement is now flying a drone within the one room of the residence to try and obtain Mr. Schuhler's precise location.

Sheriff Nielsen stated, "We stand steadfast in our mission of resolving this peacefully. We will take as long as it needs to to make sure that is the outcome. The ball is in Mr. Schuhler's court to make the right decision for a peaceful solution."

Update #3

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Law enforcement has made entry into the residence with an unmanned robot. At this time, we have cleared all the residence, except for the garage area, which has been converted into a living area, which is where we believe Mr. Schuhler is holding up. Currently gas projectiles are being launched into the house to try to get Mr. Schuhler to exit peacefully.

Shortly after launching the gas projectiles into the residence, Mr. Schuhler quickly exited the residence with the firearm in his hand and then immediately went back inside. At this time, pepper ball and gas projectiles were fired into the residence, in another effort to get Mr. Schuhler to exit the residence and peacefully surrender.

At this time, Mr. Schuhler is still within the residence, refusing to exit.

Update #2

Law Enforcement Investigates Barricaded Male Subject With a Firearm

Currently, we are still trying to make contact with the male subject, Mr. Nicholas Schuhler (29 years old) of Zionsville, IN. All efforts up until this point have been unsuccessful.

Sheriff Mike Nielsen stated, "Our officers have been working diligently to make sure that everyone is safe, including Mr. Schuhler. We continue to strive with our negotiations for a peaceful resolution. In order to achieve this goal, Mr. Schuhler needs to open communications with our negotiators."

Update #1

Law Enforcement Investigates Barricaded Male Subject With a Firearm

At this time, we are attempting to make contact with the male subject through our Crisis Negotiation Unit. This is a very sensitive step of our investigation to make sure that the subject, the public, and our officers have a safe and peaceful outcome.

This is still an active scene/investigation. We will give updates when appropriate, when more information becomes available. Next update will be at approximately 10 AM.

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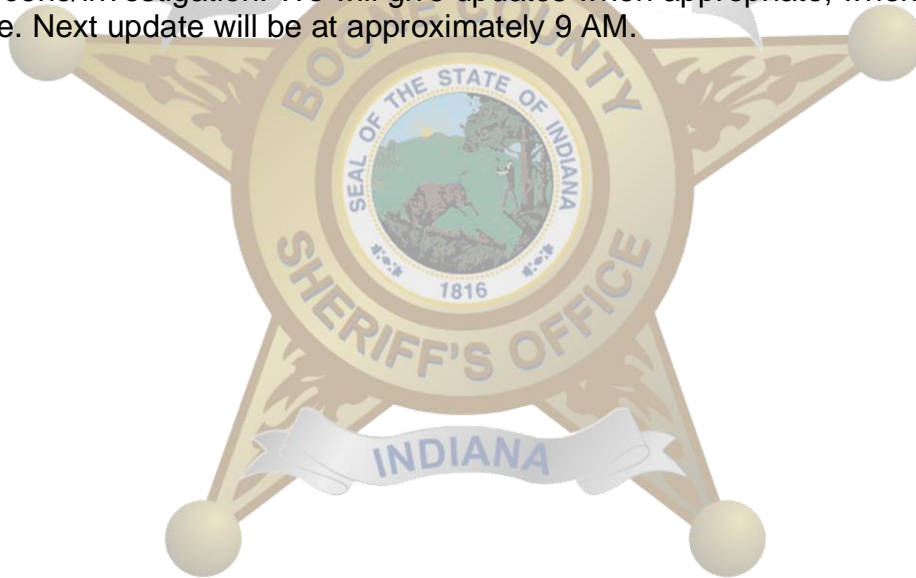
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At approximately 4:57 AM this morning, the Boone County Communications Center received a phone call from a concerned citizen stating that there was a male subject with a firearm walking in the area of Lakeview Dr and Karen Dr in Zionsville, IN. It was also reported by the concerned citizen that the male subject pointed the firearm at them prior to law enforcements arrival. Once law enforcement arrived on scene, the male subject retreated into a nearby family members residence. At this time, the male subject is the only person within the residence and law enforcement has established a perimeter around the residence to contain the male subject in one location.

This is an active scene/investigation. We will give updates when appropriate, when more information becomes available. Next update will be at approximately 9 AM.



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