

Suspect in custody after nearly 10 hour standoff in Sellersburg

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Deputy shot, ISP K-9 killed during standoff

Between 11:30 and 12 noon on Monday, June 24 Sellersburg Police responded to a domestic call in the 800 block of Iowa Street in Sellersburg. When the Sellersburg officer arrived in the area he was confronted by the suspect who pointed a handgun at the officer. The officer took cover and shortly thereafter the suspect fled the area on foot and a foot pursuit ensued. The suspect attempted to gain entry into a couple of residences in the neighborhood where he finally entered the house at 712 E. Delaware Street. There was no one home at the residence at the time.

Sellersburg Police had called for assistance and Trooper Nathan Abbott along with his K-9 partner, Kilo arrived at the scene. Kilo entered the residence first followed by several officers and shortly thereafter there was gunfire. The officers retreated from the residence but Kilo did not exit. At this point a standoff ensued.

Officers from several area police agencies responded to the scene and secured the area. Two Indiana State Police SWAT teams along with a Clark County SWAT team (which includes members of the Charlestown and Sellersburg Police Department) and the Jeffersonville Police SWAT Team also arrived on the scene.

All afternoon negotiators attempted to establish dialog with the suspect who refused to respond to those attempts. Also during the standoff a robot with a camera mounted to it was deployed inside the residence.

The robot located the suspect inside the home however the suspect fired several rounds at the robot disabling the camera.

The suspect also fired rounds at officers outside the residence wounding a Clark County Sheriff's Deputy, Detective Chris Proctor.

The deputy was subsequently evacuated from the scene and taken via ambulance to University Hospital in Louisville with non life-threatening injuries. He was scheduled for surgery on Tuesday morning for his injuries.

After it was determined attempts to negotiate with the suspect were not going to be effective SWAT teams deployed numerous rounds of teargas inside the residence.

At approximately 9:25 p.m. the suspect surrendered to officers ending the nearly 10 hour standoff.

The suspect, later identified as 31 year old Joshua L. Priddy of Sellersburg, was finally taken into custody. He is currently being held in the Clark County Jail on charges of Attempted Murder of a Police Officer (Class A Felony), Causing the Death of a Law Enforcement Animal (Class D Felony), Burglary (Class B Felony), Residential Entry (Class D Felony), Pointing a Firearm (Class D Felony), and Criminal Recklessness with a Firearm (Class C Felony).