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Media Release

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Re: Deputies Use Minimal Force to Arrest Dangerous Felon

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On 09-15-15 at approximately 9:53 p.m., Hernando County deputies responded to 12110 Eldorado Avenue in Brooksville to assist Probation and Parole officers. Probation and Parole officers were on scene at this location to serve multiple felony warrants on the resident, Nickole Dykema.

Upon arrival, Sergeant Chris Calderon observed Dykema looking out of a broken window directly at him. Once Dykema saw Sergeant Calderon, she disappeared back into the residence.

Calderon gave numerous, loud commands for Dykema to come out of the residence immediately. Dykema responded with numerous obscenities and told the law enforcement officers to "leave her property."

Once other deputies arrived on scene, the decision was made to force entry into the residence. While doing so, the deputies continued to yell, "Sheriff's Office, Nickole – you need to come out, you have warrants for your arrest." Dykema refused to exit the residence.

During this time, Dykema utilized a large sword or machete type weapon and attempted to stab Sergeant Calderon, missing his face and head by only inches. These actions by Dykema put a well-founded fear in Sergeant Calderon that he would be killed or seriously injured.

Having limited visibility into the residence, deputies observed a set of feet standing in the corner of the mobile home, possibly hiding under or behind a blanket. Deputies also observed a long, silver, shiny sword waving around behind the blanket. Again, deputies ordered the individual to come out with her hands up. She refused and moved towards the deputies. Sergeant Bill Hillman deployed a bean bag round from a less than lethal shotgun at the female. The round had no effect on the female.

The Crisis Response Team was called to the scene to take over negotiations.

During negotiations with Dykema, she fled into a room in the residence that contained approximately 500 bladed weapons. It should be noted that many rooms in the residence contained at least that many weapons.

Dykema armed herself with an unknown number of bladed weapons and advanced toward the deputies. Again, Dykema was advised to drop the weapons and she refused. Sergeant Ken Lund deployed his less than lethal shotgun at Dykema as she continued to advance, hitting her in the abdomen and thigh. Dykema retreated to another section of the home.

After lengthy negotiations with the Crisis Response Team Dykema failed to comply with deputies' requests and/or orders and continued to retreat back inside the residence.

Deputies were staged at the front door behind shields as Dykema emerged from behind a hanging blanket, advancing toward deputies. Dykema initially would not show her hands but subsequently did so. Dykema was ordered to turn so deputies could ensure she had no weapons behind her back. She turned as if to retreat back into the residence when Corporal Stephen Miller deployed his agency issued Taser. The Taser had the desired effect, and Dykema fell to the ground. She was quickly taken into custody by deputies on scene.

Neither Dykema nor any deputy was injured.

Dykema was treated on scene by Hernando County Fire/Rescue (Taser probes removed) and then transported to the Hernando County Detention Center by deputies.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis said, "This person was obviously dangerous to the community. It amazes me that these deputies were able to take her into custody without anyone being injured. It shows the level of their restraint and professionalism under very difficult and dangerous conditions. Had something gone wrong, it would be easy for critics to accuse them of moving too quickly or too slowly. I appreciate their willingness to deal with these very volatile situations. I know the public appreciates them as well."

Nickole Ellen Fay Dykema, W/F, DOB/03-09-1968, was charged as follows:

- Probation Violation (warrant)
 - No Bond
- Property Damage/Criminal Mischief
 - Bond - \$500
- Probation Violation (warrant)
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 - No Bond
- Resist Officer w/o Violence
- Assault on LEO
 - Bond - \$11,000.

The case remains under investigation.