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Re: UPDATE - Suicidal Man Shoots at Deputies

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UPDATE

Further investigation revealed that after having fired several initial shots at law enforcement the male subject re-entered the home. Initial reports indicate he later exited the residence attempting to fire a second series of shots at law enforcement at which time a deputy returned fire. At that time the male retreated into the home.

After several hours of unsuccessful attempts to facilitate communication with the male in the residence deputies approached the home. While conducting a search of the interior of the residence the male was located deceased.

At this time it is unclear whether the male's injuries were self-inflicted or a result of the exchange of gun fire. Currently, The Hernando County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, are investigating the matter as a deputy related shooting.

The male has been identified as Robert Sharp, W/M, DOB/ 09-03-1957.

Original Information

Deputies with the Hernando County Sheriff's Office are currently on scene of an armed, barricaded, suicidal subject at 18385 Benes Roush Road in Brooksville.

On 05-19-2014, at approximately 12:15 a.m. the Hernando County Sheriff's Office received a call in reference to an armed, suicidal subject at 18385 Benes Roush Road in Brooksville.

Preliminary information revealed the subject, a white male approximately fifty-six years of age, threatened to commit suicide following a dispute with his spouse, during which he armed himself with a firearm.

Deputies arriving on scene did hear several shots being fired from within the residence.

The responding units attempted to make contact with the male at the residence at which time several shots were fired in their direction. No law enforcement was harmed.

The spouse was able to flee the residence, unharmed, prior to law enforcement's arrival.

The Hernando County SWAT team is on scene as well as The Crisis Response team. Communication efforts are ongoing.

There is no further information to provide at this time.

Updates will be provided as information becomes available.