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**Suspect Arrested After SWAT Standoff in Birdland Neighborhood**

San Diego – A man is in custody after threatening a woman with a handgun and illegally manufacturing ghost guns following a nearly ten-hour standoff with police.

Yesterday afternoon, officers were called to 2300 Cardinal Drive in Birdland after a man reportedly threatened a woman with a gun inside an apartment. Officers attempted to contact the man, but he would not speak with the officers or respond to their commands. Officers learned that in addition to threatening the woman, he was also manufacturing unserialized “ghost guns” inside his apartment.

Due to the high-risk nature of the incident and the ongoing threat to the community, the SDPD Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team and the Emergency Negotiations Team were called to the scene.

Officers worked for nearly ten hours to de-escalate the situation and resolve it peacefully. The suspect ultimately surrendered shortly after midnight and was taken into custody.

Officers arrested 25-year-old Matthew Scott Lee for assault with a deadly weapon, criminal threats, being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm, violating the conditions of his probation, committing a felony while out on bail, and various charges relating to the illegal manufacturing of firearms.

The San Diego Police Department thanks the Birdland Community for their patience while officers worked to resolve this dangerous situation as safely as possible.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Crime Stoppers, (888) 580-8477.

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