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Police Arrest Suspect After 29-Hour Standoff in Mountain View

San Diego – A man is in custody and families are returning to their homes after a 29-hour standoff in the Mountain View neighborhood. Officers were initially called to the 4550 block of T Street on Sunday, August 21st, at about 8:10 a.m., after a neighbor reported hearing a gunshot. Officers responded, but were unable to confirm that someone had fired a gun. At 8:50 a.m., officers responded to a report of a man was brandishing a handgun and threatening to kill at least one of his neighbors. This man was identified as 68-year-old Reginald Smith.

Officers attempted to contact Mr. Smith, but he barricaded himself inside his house. SDPD's Emergency Negotiations Team and Special Weapons and Tactics Teams were called to the scene to attempt to resolve this situation peacefully. At about 4:45 p.m., Mr. Smith fired at least one round at officers from his house. Fortunately, no officers were injured. The officers did not return fire.

Officers used a variety of less-lethal tools and techniques to de-escalate and resolve the incident. The Emergency Negotiations Team was on-scene the entirety of this event.

Ultimately, at 2:45 p.m. on Monday, August 22nd, officers entered Mr. Smith's house. Officers arrested Mr. Smith with the assistance of a police canine. This concluded the 29-hour standoff. No officers were injured. Mr. Smith was treated for minor injuries and then booked into jail.

Mr. Smith was arrested for attempted murder of a peace officer, criminal threats, and brandishing a firearm. More charges may follow pending the outcome of the investigation.

The San Diego Police Department wishes to thank its public safety partners at San Diego Fire-Rescue, the Chula Vista Police Department, and the Riverside County Sheriff's Office for their assistance. SDPD thanks the community for its patience while this situation was brought to a safe conclusion.

The San Diego Police Department's Homicide Unit is investigating this case because of the attempted murder of a peace officer. Investigators are expected to be on-site for most of Tuesday, August 23rd collecting evidence and processing the crime scene. Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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