



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



SHOOTING SUSPECT IN CUSTODY

Hamilton County, Ohio, June 14, 2016 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports the suspect in an incident earlier this afternoon in Harper's Point Apartments in Symmes Township has been taken into custody.

At approximately 1:00 P.M. today Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to Harper's Point Apartments for reports of shots fired. Deputies arrived on the scene where they located the female victim with multiple gunshot wounds. The victim was immediately transported to Bethesda North Hospital for medical treatment and to undergo surgery. At this time we believe the victim was shot five (5) times and miraculously sustained only non-life threatening injuries.

Sheriff's Deputies and investigators were able to identify the suspect as Edward P. Hopes of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Mr. Hopes is the ex-husband of the victim and had no other ties to the area. Through the investigation detectives became aware Mr. Hopes had expressed threats of suicide and possible harm to law enforcement. Sheriff's Office put out a broadcast to local law enforcement agencies in the region and were able to apprehend the suspect without incident on Petersburg Road in Hebron, Kentucky. We want to thank the Boone County Sheriff's Office and all others who assisted. Edward Hopes is facing one count of Attempted Murder and is currently being held in Kentucky awaiting extradition.

Sheriff Jim Neil commented, "I want to commend all the Deputies on both sides of the river who were able to bring this suspect into custody in very short order and ensure he's behind bars where he belongs."

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