



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



STANDOFF WITH SUICIDAL SUBJECT ENDS PEACEFULLY

Sycamore Township, January 29th, 2018 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports an incident (and subsequent arrest) involving a barricaded, suicidal subject which occurred at the Shell Gas Station, located at 8051 Montgomery Road, in Sycamore Township, at 8:09 a.m.

Shortly after 8:00 a.m. Mr. Gregory Walker, age 59, of Cincinnati, Ohio, entered the Shell Gas Station, and then entered the men's restroom. Another customer then attempted to use the restroom. At that point, Mr. Walker reportedly told the customer he had a handgun. Mr. Walker further advised that someone needed to call the police and the Coroner because he was going to shoot himself.

After evacuating and securing the business, Sheriff's Deputies onscene established verbal communication with Walker through the closed restroom door. This verbal negotiation continued for approximately two hours. During that time, the premises was completely secured and controlled by the Hamilton County Police Association (HCPA) SWAT Team. Eventually, Mr. Walker surrendered, fully cooperating with Sheriff's Patrol Deputies and HCPA SWAT members. Mr. Walker was taken into custody without incident. At no time was physical force necessary or used on the part of law enforcement and no resistance was offered by Mr. Walker.

Once the restroom area was secured, a .25 caliber pistol was located with one round of ammunition in the chamber. Mr. Walker was arrested and charged with Inducing Panic -2917.31 (1st degree Misdemeanor) and Weapons Under Disability-2923.13 (3rd degree Felony) of the Ohio Revised Code. Alcohol and illicit drugs were believed to be a factor in the incident. Mr. Walker was transported to the Hamilton County Justice Center.

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