



City of Downey



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PRESS RELEASE

Criminal Threats Suspect Arrested

Downey, CA, May 8, 2015:

On May 8, 2015, at around 8:42 a.m., Downey Police Department received a 911 call reporting a disturbance inside a residence in the 10200 block of Branscomb. The caller stated that a male, 39 years old, who resides in the home was inside breaking items. It was discovered as Downey Officers arrived that the male suspect had possible mental issues and had earlier threaten to harm family members inside. The suspect refused to exit the house. The suspect also refused to allow his elderly disabled father to leave the residence and held him against his will inside the home.

Downey Detectives made entry into the home and rescued the suspect's father. The father was uninjured and was reunited with family members. As detectives approached the suspect, they observed him holding pieces of paper in one hand and concealing an unknown item in his right hand with the paper. Not knowing if the suspect was holding a concealed weapon, detectives made several commands to the suspect to drop what he was holding and show them his hands. The suspect failed to comply with the detectives' orders; therefore, a detective fired three extended range impact munitions at the suspect. Two of the three extended range impact munitions struck the suspect in the upper torso area. The suspect still refused to comply and detectives had to physically restrain him where he was handcuffed and arrested. It was discovered that the suspect was concealing a small plastic bottle in his hand. In plain view, the detectives did locate a large machete style knife inside the suspect's bedroom. No detectives were injured.

As a precautionary measure, Downey Fire Department was called to the location but the suspect refused to be seen by paramedics. The suspect was transported to a medical facility for a pre-booking clearance. The suspect will be booked for felony criminal threats and false imprisonment.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Downey Police Department at (562) 904-2308 or Detective Mike Galindo at (562) 904-2330.

To provide information ANONYMOUSLY, call Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-TIPS or by texting the letters TIPLA, plus, to CRIMES (274637) or by using the website.

Press inquiries may be directed to Lieutenant Mark McDaniel at (562) 904-2370 or Sergeant Dwayne Cooper at (562) 904-2340.

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