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Felony warrant service results in barricaded subject.

San Mateo Police Department concludes a stand-off that lasted nearly five hours with a barricaded subject wanted for a felony warrant.

San Mateo, CA – On Monday, February 4, 2019, at 7:15 P.M. San Mateo Police Department's Crime Reduction Unit (CRU) conducted felony warrant service in the 400 Block of N Bayshore Blvd in San Mateo. After officers made their presence known, the subject locked himself inside the apartment and refused to exit. While barricaded in the apartment, the subject was erratic, made suicidal statements to officers and told them to shoot him. Crisis intervention trained (CIT) patrol officers were already on scene and initiated negotiations with him.

The North Central Regional (NCR) SWAT Team and Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) were alerted to the situation and immediately responded to help the subject work through his crisis. The San Mateo Police Department utilized several county-wide mental health resources to help end the stand-off peacefully.

Crisis Negotiators worked with the subject by telephone for nearly five-hours before the subject terminated communication and refused to speak further with negotiators. The NCR SWAT Team worked on a tactical plan with negotiators to safely take the subject into custody. He was transported to a local hospital for a 72-hour mental health evaluation and will later be booked at San Mateo County Jail for his felony warrant. Due to the subject receiving mental health treatment at the time of this media release, SMPD will hold off on releasing his name.

The lack of mental health crisis services across California has resulted in law enforcement officers serving as first responders to most crises. The San Mateo Police Department advocates crisis intervention training (CIT) and our police officers undergo a 40-hour intensive program. Through collaborative community partnerships and intensive training, CIT improves communication, identifies mental health resources for those in crisis and ensures officer and community safety. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) created a short video to help explain CIT. Please follow this link to view the video: <https://goo.gl/M3wqS9>