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Police: Man with shotgun arrested after 9-hour standoff in Pismo Beach

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A man who allegedly barricaded himself in a Pismo Beach house with a shotgun was arrested after a nine-hour standoff with police.

At 4 p.m. Wednesday, officers were called to the 900 block of Hanford Street because a man was threatening suicide with a shotgun, according to a news release from the Pismo Beach Police Department.

Officers arrived and determined that Bryce Blue, 25, had barricaded himself inside the home with the shotgun. He allegedly discharged several rounds inside the house and threatened to shoot anyone who approached.

Police called for help from the Arroyo Grande Police Department, Grover Beach Police Department, California State Parks and San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office, and a perimeter was established around the home. The incident was then turned over to the San Luis Obispo Regional SWAT Team.

Negotiators were able to establish contact with Blue, according to the press release, and after a nine-hour standoff, Blue was taken into custody without injury. He was arrested on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon and booked at San Luis Obispo County Jail, where bail was set at \$50,000.



The San Luis Obispo Police Department's Lenco BearCat® armored vehicle was used in a 9-hour standoff with a Pismo Beach man, just one week after the SWAT team received it.



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Last night the Regional SWAT team, led by SLOPD Captain Staley, responded to a subject threatening suicide in Pismo Beach. The man in his twenties, had fired multiple rounds from a shotgun inside his parent's house and had previously fashioned a wooden handgun to provoke officers to kill him (aka "suicide by cop") in LA. He reportedly had mental health issues compounded by a cocaine addiction. Coincidentally, earlier in the day the SWAT team trained with the new tactical vehicle (Lenco Bearcat). The Bearcat was deployed this incident and enabled our officers to better contain the subject reducing risk to both the officers and surrounding neighborhood and also establish communications with him through the vehicle's PA system and portals (20 feet from house). A deputy that had known the family for 20 years was able to finally



communicate with the man from inside the Bearcat and convince him to toss the remainder of his ammo and ultimately place his hands outside a vent (see attached photo) where officers were able to safely handcuff him. An entry team then went inside and placed him into custody.

This deployment comes one week after we received this vehicle. Its role in protecting our officer's lives and potentially saving this man's life is clearly invaluable. Please share this as you see fit to help educate others as predictably there will be a lack of understanding by some in the community as to the justification for having such a essential tool such a hazardous job.

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