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CASE NUMBER: 2008-6445

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 08-20-2008 at 5:08 P.M.

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 08-20-2008 at 9:00 P.M.

NATURE OF STORY: Deputies subdue mentally disabled man.

**LOCATION: River Road near Wilkes Drive
Eugene, Oregon 97404**

INVOLVED: Hilliker, Richard Arden DOB 02-28-1983

DETAILS: On 08-20-2008 at 5:08 P.M., the Lane County Sheriff's Office received a report of a male subject armed with a large knife on a LTD bus located at River Road near Wilkes Drive. At the time this occurred the only people on the bus were the male subject and the LTD driver. The LTD driver reported that the male was pacing up and down the aisle of the bus while apparently performing martial art type moves with the knife. After ignoring the LTD driver's order to put the knife away, the male subject continued the martial arts type moves for a few minutes. The LTD driver stopped the bus and got out, at which point the male subject also exited from the door located at the rear of the bus and began walking southbound on River Road.

The first Deputy on scene observed the male suspect, later identified as Richard Hilliker, walking southbound on the sidewalk, still holding the knife. The knife appeared to be a dagger style knife, with an approximately 10 inch blade. As

another Deputy arrived, they contacted Hilliker from about thirty feet away and ordered him to drop the knife.

Hilliker did not respond verbally, however immediately ran from them out into the traffic lanes of River Road, still holding the knife. Hilliker suddenly ran back onto the sidewalk and began running towards the Deputies while still holding the knife. Hilliker continued to ignore orders to stop and drop the knife, at which point he was struck with a total of three (3) 12 gauge bean bag rounds. The last bean bag round was fired from approximately 15 feet away, causing Hilliker to sit down and drop the knife. Hilliker was then taken into custody without further incident.

During the subsequent investigation it was determined that the knife was a realistic appearing plastic toy. It was later determined that Hilliker has been professionally diagnosed as mentally disabled and resides in a local foster care home.

The two Deputies involved in initially contacting Hilliker were armed with a 12 gauge shotgun loaded with bean bag rounds and the other with a patrol rifle. The three bean bag rounds were eventually effective in subduing Hilliker without resorting to lethal force.

Hilliker was evaluated by Lane Rural Fire Department and other than bruising, was found to be uninjured.

Hilliker was cited for Menacing and Disorderly Conduct, after which he was released to his care provider.

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