
LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
NEWS RELEASE



CASE NUMBER: 10-5603
DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 08/04/2010 - 1844
DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 08/05/2010 - 0300
NATURE OF STORY: Armed Suicidal Subject
LOCATION: 29720 Jeans Road # 36 – Veneta
SUSPECT: Sportsman, Ricky Dean / DOB 10-12-1960

DETAILS:

On 08-04-10 at approximately 1844 hours, Lane County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to 29720 Jeans Road #36 (Fern Ridge Mobile Home Park) regarding an armed suicidal subject. The Lane County Sheriff's Office received numerous calls from neighbors advising that Mr. Sportsman was calling and making unusual statements. Reports from family members indicated that Mr. Sportsman was intoxicated and making suicidal statements. It was reported that Mr. Sportsman was attempting to overdose on insulin and had discharged a firearm earlier in the day.

Deputies arrived on scene and evacuated several nearby residences. Mr. Sportsman was then contacted via landline and public address system in an attempt to get him to exit his residence and surrender to deputies. Mr. Sportsman refused and continued to discharge a firearm while inside the residence.

The Eugene Police Swat Team responded to assist with the situation. At approximately 2215 hours, Mr. Sportsman exited his residence and was taken into custody without incident. He was then transported to Sacred Heart Hospital (University) for a medical evaluation. Criminal charges are pending.

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