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Update

One injured in home invasion shooting

Bremerton, Wash. -- Quick thinking by an intended victim to protect life, coupled with critical tactical decisions by responding law enforcement agencies, were key elements that prevented a Saturday morning home invasion domestic violence assault from escalating to include additional victims and possible fatalities.

A 31 year-old man sustained a gunshot injury when a bullet grazed his stomach and then struck his arm during the assault.

A 26 year-old East Bremerton man was arrested and booked into Kitsap County Jail on charges of:

- Attempted murder, 1st degree
- Assault, 1st degree (deadly weapon)
- Burglary, 1st degree.

Bail was set initially at \$1 million.

The suspect, identified as Moreau Augustas Nauden, made a preliminary appearance in Kitsap County Superior Court at this afternoon, on amended charges of:

- Burglary, 1st degree
- Assault, 2nd degree
- Unlawful possession of a firearm, 1st degree

Bail was increased to \$1.5 million.

Circumstances: Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to reports of an unwanted person at a residence in the 600 block of Bremerton Blvd. West, in the Navy Yard City area of Bremerton, adjacent to State Highway 3. This residence is the home of a 48 year-old woman whose daughter, age 26, was the apparent intended victim.

The mother called 9-1-1 at 9:59 a.m. to report that her daughter's former boyfriend, Moreau Nauden, was outside the residence, attempting to get inside, and that she was afraid for her daughter's safety and that of her four year-old granddaughter and others in the house.

The woman advised dispatchers that Nauden previously had made threats to harm both her daughter and the child.

There were 10 persons in the house at the time of the incident, adults and juveniles.

A sheriff's sergeant was first on scene around 10:12 a.m. and found the ex-boyfriend at the top of a set of exterior stairs leading from the ground to the home's second floor entrance. The door into the house was reportedly locked. The suspect refused to comply with the sergeant's verbal instructions to descend the stairway to ground level and remove his hands from his pockets. The sergeant believed that the man was armed when he observed the outline of a handgun in Nauden's coat pocket.

With apparent complete ambivalence to the sergeant's verbal commands, Nauden lowered his shoulder and forced entry through the door and into the house. As he disappeared into the residence the sergeant saw Nauden's right hand swing out behind him, holding a black-colored semi-automatic handgun. When Nauden's hand disappeared the sergeant heard a volley of gunshots.

Numerous units from several agencies -- Kitsap County Sheriff's Office, Bremerton Police, Poulsbo Police and Washington State Patrol -- started responding to Navy Yard City to set containment around the house and assist with initial investigative actions. Occupants of adjacent houses were contacted and evacuated.

Several of those inside the house had managed to escape through other doors and windows at the time of the incident -- some before Nauden forced entry and others after the gunshots had been fired.

The gunshot injury victim did escape the residence, after physically fighting with the suspect for several minutes. He was treated at the scene by Bremerton Fire Department medics and then transported to Harrison Medical Center for further evaluation and treatment. His injury was not life threatening.

The 26 year-old intended victim did not make it outside; instead, she had hidden inside of the master bedroom closet with her young daughter before her ex-boyfriend forced his way into the house.

Nauden didn't realize that his target was still inside the premises. The woman initially established external communications (outside the house) via text messaging, reporting on what she could see was occurring in the bedroom. This information was relayed to the on-scene incident commander.

At tactical plan was initiated as sheriff's SWAT team and crisis negotiators arrived and established tactical control.

As this situation unfolded, Kitsap County Central Communications dispatchers were still in contact via landline telephone. The original caller had not disconnected from 9-1-1 when the suspect forced entry into her home. Dispatchers could hear inside the residence during the entire ordeal. Eventually communications were established with the suspect and the open phone line was transferred to a sheriff's crisis negotiator shortly after 12:00 noon.

Negotiations proved successful. At 12:21 p.m. Nauden voluntarily walked out of a sliding glass door at the rear of the house and surrendered to SWAT officers. He was taken into custody and turned over into the custody of sheriff's detectives before being transported and booked into jail.

The SWAT team cleared the house to check for any other victims. In doing so they discovered a sizeable marijuana grow in the lower level of the residence. A separate investigation concerning the marijuana plants is on going.

Sheriff's detectives have processed the house for evidence. The weapon allegedly used by Nauden, a .40 caliber Springfield model XD semi-automatic handgun, was recovered in the master bedroom. The gun had been reported stolen from an East Bremerton residence in September 2008.

Detectives determined that Nauden fired the handgun five times. All bullets and shell casings have been recovered. In searching a vehicle used by Nauden, parked in Navy Yard City a few blocks away, patrol deputies found an empty handgun holster that could fit the weapon used in the assault, along with paperwork associated with Nauden, other personal items and suspected narcotics (tested positive for methamphetamine).

The investigation continues.

Nauden is scheduled to be charged at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, in Kitsap County Superior Court.

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