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Farmington Hills Police Department Releases Video following Armed Suspect Shooting at Police Officers in Neighborhood

The suspect will face 13 felony charges in connection with the incident

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. (Sept. 26, 2024) - In the interest of transparency, the Farmington Hills Police Department is releasing dash cam and body cam video of a barricaded gunman incident that happened on Sept. 15, 2024.

At approximately 11:30 a.m. officers of the Farmington Hills Police Department responded to the 29000 block of Morningview, near Middlebelt and Twelve Mile Road, after a 911 call was made to report a domestic assault that was in progress.

Officers arrived on the scene and were met by a distraught woman, who was the victim of a domestic assault. She informed officers that her children were trapped inside the home and that the suspect, Dejuan Patrick Evans, a 32-year-old man, was armed with a gun.

Without hesitation, officers entered the home to rescue the children, announcing their presence multiple times. Inside, they encountered Evans, who was concealing his hands behind a door frame and refused to comply with their multiple commands.

Evans then aimed an AK-47 rifle at officers, forcing an officer to discharge their weapon in self-defense. As the officers quickly fled the home, Evans fired several rounds at them, causing the officers to take cover in a neighboring garage and behind their patrol vehicles. Evans continued to shoot at numerous officers from both the front door and an elevated position on the home's second floor.

Officers from the Farmington Public Safety Department, Southfield Police Department, West Bloomfield Police Department, along with the Oakland (OCSO) and Macomb County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) SWAT teams responded to assist.

Negotiators from the Farmington Hills Police Department and OCSO SWAT team contacted the suspect numerous times, but were unable to convince him to surrender peacefully.

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Over the course of the standoff, Evans continued to shoot at the officers and their vehicles from inside the home. Rounds from his high-powered rifle hit multiple neighboring homes, apartments and five police vehicles, nearly striking officers seeking cover behind them.

The OCSO SWAT team later subdued the suspect, as he again took aim to shoot at officers. Evans was taken into custody and transported to a local hospital for treatment. He is currently in critical but stable condition.

The Oakland County Prosecutors Office charged Dejuan Patrick Evans with a 13-count felony warrant, including three (3) counts of Assault with Intent to Murder, two (2) counts of Felonious Assault, six (6) counts of Felony Firearm, one (1) count of Felon in Possession of a Firearm, and one (1) count of Domestic Violence. Additional charges are expected and the investigations of this incident are ongoing.

Evans remains in police custody and will be arraigned on these charges once he is medically cleared. No members of the public or responding police officers were injured as a result of this incident.

“I am extremely proud of the heroic actions of the women and men of the Farmington Hills Police Department. They were calm and courageous in the face of extreme danger,” said Farmington Hills Police Chief Jeff King. “When encountering this danger, they relied upon their outstanding training that allowed them to safely stop the violence, while protecting the innocent. Their actions saved the lives of the victims and brought safety to the neighboring community. I commend the officers who, even under constant fire from the suspect, remained focused on the two minor children trapped inside the home.”

The Farmington Hills Police Department would like to thank the other law enforcement agencies that assisted with this incident, as well as the community for their assistance and continued support. The Farmington Hills Police Department is releasing video of the incident to be transparent and maintain community trust. The information was also shared at a community meeting on Sept. 24.

Video is available upon request from the Farmington Hills Police Department.

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