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Imitation Firearm Incident

On February 9th, 2022 at approximately 4:41 p.m., Monterey Police Officers were dispatched to the 200 block of Dundee Avenue for a report of a male subject inside a residence who pointed a firearm at a family member. As officers arrived on scene, family members inside the residence evacuated and advised the male was still inside and that he was armed with what appeared to be a handgun. The family members were unsure if the handgun was real or an imitation firearm.

Officers attempted to communicate with the male to negotiate his surrender, however he was initially uncooperative and would not exit the residence. As would be expected, the MPD deployed a number of tactical tools to address a potential issue of a subject with a gun in a highly populated area. Officers closed surrounding streets and began to notify nearby residences to evacuate for their safety. Officers from the Seaside Police Department, the Monterey County Sheriff's Office, and the California Highway Patrol responded to assist.

Officers used de-escalation tactics and continued to negotiate with the male. At 5:21 p.m., the male exited the residence and surrendered to officers. Upon being detained by police, the male was found to have a CO2 powered semi-automatic

pellet gun concealed in his pants pocket. The pellet gun was indistinguishable from a real firearm unless it was inspected and was seized as evidence.



Officers determined the male was suffering from a mental health episode and was placed on a mental health hold per 5150 WI. He was transported by ambulance to a mental health facility for treatment. Additionally, the MPD will be requesting the male be charged with 417.4 PC – brandishing an imitation firearm, a misdemeanor.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Monterey Police Department Investigations Sergeant Aaron Delgado at (831) 646-3814, or to remain anonymous call (831) 646-3840.

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