



PRESS RELEASE

- I. DATE AND TIME OF PRESS RELEASE: 05/16/12 0900
- II. TYPE OF INCIDENT/SITUATION/ANNOUNCEMENT:
Man with a gun in Springtown results in SWAT team being deployed

III. FACTUAL INFORMATION:

On 05/16/12, approx. 0230 hrs, the Livermore Police Department received a call from the Motel 6 located on Lassen Rd in Springtown. The caller indicated that there was a confrontation between two guests at the motel and one guest had pointed a gun at the other guest.

Officers arrived on scene and spoke to one guest who was determined to be the victim. The victim stated that he had observed the suspect, Michael Hamby (09/29/72) throw a small dog from a second floor balcony. The dog had landed on the ground below. The victim confronted Hamby about his throwing the dog. Hamby and the victim got into a verbal argument and the motel clerk intervened to separate the two and get them to go back to their rooms. A short time later the victim heard a knock at his door, and when he opened it, Hamby was standing at the door and pointed a gun at him. Hamby then fled the area.

Due to the gun being involved, and LPD's prior history with Hamby, the East Bay Tactical Team (Livermore PD and Pleasanton PD's combined SWAT team) was activated and deployed at the motel. Surrounding motel rooms, as well as nearby businesses, were evacuated.

SWAT team members were able to make entry to Hamby's motel room and he was not inside. Hamby was located in the nearby area and taken into custody at approx. 0720 hrs.

At this time, the victim is not participating in prosecution of Hamby. Hamby was arrested for a violation of 597 PC, animal cruelty which is a felony. Hamby will be booked at Santa Rita jail.

Officers were unable to locate the gun Hamby used in this incident. The dog that was thrown from the balcony was located and found to be uninjured.

Hamby's prior history with LPD includes an incident on 4/27/12 where he was arrested for assault, child endangerment, and possession of an illegal firearm.

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