

FORSYTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Cumming, Georgia



Domestic Barricaded Gunman in Forsyth

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On August 7, 2017, deputies responded to a 911 call from a female victim of a domestic dispute on Carleen Way in South Forsyth. The victim called from a neighbor's house and said her husband had threatened her and their young child with a handgun. Responding deputies reached the male subject by phone and asked him to come outside and talk. The subject agreed but ultimately did not come out. Deputies had no further communication with the suspect. During their brief conversation, nothing threatening was said or implied by the suspect, and no shots were fired at or by any deputies.

For the next three hours Deputies attempted to regain contact with the subject through various means as well as through a family member. With no success in contacting the suspect and with growing concern for the child, the Sheriff's SWAT team entered the house and heard the sounds of an infant upstairs. The SWAT team immediately went upstairs to rescue the infant and found the male suspect deceased from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound and the child seriously injured from an apparent gunshot wound as well. A SWAT medic and other deputies immediately began administering aid to the child, who was transported by an ambulance already on scene to a local hospital. Sheriff's Deputies transported the wife to the hospital to be with her child.

The child was later air lifted to an Atlanta area hospital where she is currently in critical condition. The Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Unit is continuing the investigation.

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