



PRESS RELEASE

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Arrest Made After Stand-Off in Spring Lake Park **6/26/20**

On June 26, 2020 at approximately 5:40 p.m., Spring Lake Park officers responded to a neighbor dispute in the 7700 block of Jackson St NE in the City of Spring Lake Park. The complainant reported that his neighbor had had a confrontation with him while displaying a rifle. The complainant reported that his neighbor, Steven Carlos Bezek age 50, made a threatening comment, then racked the bolt action of his rifle and dry fired the weapon into the air and retreated into his residence.

Multiple law enforcement agencies from Fridley, Columbia Heights, Blaine, Coon Rapids, Lino Lakes and the Anoka County Sheriff's Office responded to assist. Neighboring residences were evacuated from the area. Numerous attempts were made to communicate with Mr. Bezek. While communications were taking place, law enforcement on-scene heard gunshots coming from inside Mr. Bezek's residence. The Anoka County Sheriff's Office SWAT team responded and attempted to further negotiate for Mr. Bezek's safe surrender. After several hours, Mr. Bezek did surrender and was taken into custody without further incident. He is currently being held at the Anoka County Jail on charges of terrorist threats and reckless discharge of a firearm in a municipality. There were no other occupants inside the home at the time of this incident. A formal criminal complaint has not been issued against Mr. Bezek at this time.

This incident remains under investigation by the Spring Lake Police Department and the Anoka County Sheriff's Office. No further information will be provided at this time. Further details will be released once a formal complaint is issued.

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