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Arrest Made After Stand-Off in Spring Lake Park

On July 6, 2020 at approximately 11:18 a.m., Spring Lake Park Police Department officers responded to the 7700 block of Jackson St. NE in the City of Spring Lake Park, on a report of a male who had threatened the caller with a handgun. The caller was now at his home and the armed suspect was inside of his own home.

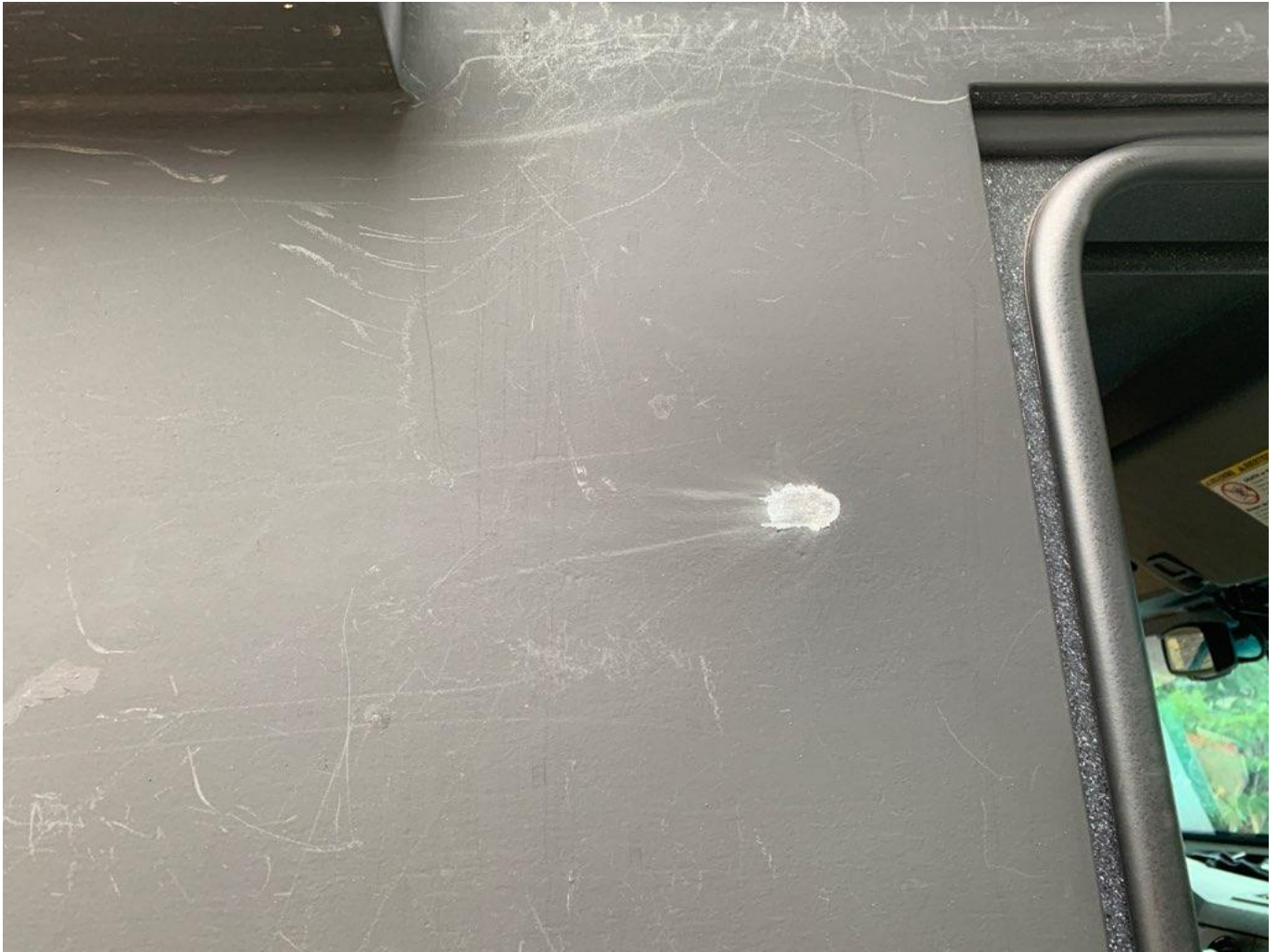
Members of the Fridley Police Department and Anoka County Sheriff's Office responded to assist Spring Lake Park Police. Law enforcement at the scene attempted to speak to the suspect and have him surrender peacefully, which he would not. The same suspect was involved in an armed standoff with law enforcement on June 26, 2020. During that incident, the suspect fired multiple rounds from a firearm.

The Anoka County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team was then requested to the scene to assist. The members of the SWAT Team attempted to negotiate the surrender of the suspect, but he refused. During the standoff, the suspect fired a firearm multiple times from inside his home. When he fired, the suspect shot a SWAT Team armored vehicle 4 times. The suspect also shot one occupied home in the neighborhood. After several hours, the suspect exited a door of his home and was standing outside. SWAT Team members were able to cut him off from going back into the home and take him into custody. No one was injured during this incident. The specialized vehicle and training of the SWAT Team is all that kept this incident from ending with the tragic loss of the suspect's life and the lives of law enforcement at the scene.

The suspect, Steven Carlos Bezek age 50, will be held at the Anoka County Sheriff's Office Jail pending formal charges. 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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