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Officer-involved Shooting News Conference

Case Number 15-5349

Today Chief Pete Kerns provided details of the officer-involved shooting at 2248 Devos.

Details of Incident:

At 5:06 p.m. on March 29, Central Lane 9-1-1 received a call from a local therapist, who had a client on the phone in emotional distress and who had shot a round from a firearm in his home. Officers responded to the home, along with an armored vehicle due to the information that a shot had been fired in an area where there were many residential homes.

The call was switched from the therapist to a crisis negotiation team member. Attempts to negotiate with the subject, Brian Babb, age 49, were not successful. As police did not know if others were present in the home, they tried to hail occupants out. A roommate of Babb's came out and was taken into protection inside the armored rescue vehicle. As officers were contemplating what to do next to best defuse the encounter, Babb arrived at the front door. According to radio traffic, Babb pointed the rifle at an officer, who shot Babb. Babb was declared deceased by medics.

The officer, who is not being publicly identified until after he is interviewed by the investigation team, is on paid administrative leave. This is standard protocol for officer-involved shooting investigations.

Interagency Deadly Use of Force Investigation Team was called in to provide an independent Investigation per IDFIT protocols and state law.

For more information on IDFIT and Deadly Use of Force, please watch the following video, which is provided in VIMEO (high resolution) and YouTube formats. This is a public domain video, which media is free to use in newscasts.

<http://vimeo.com/29282684>

Here is the direct link to Lane County Vimeo Site

EPD You Tube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-G1ApUEXcbo>

