



SHERIFF

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Media Release

Couple Arrested After Standoff Outside of Sherwood

July 26, 2018 – A couple was arrested early this morning after a standoff at a home outside of Sherwood. An armed man confronted deputies who were trying to arrest his wife for driving under the influence of intoxicants. The Tactical Negotiations Team and Crisis Negotiations Unit responded to assist. He and his wife were later arrested on multiple charges.

On Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at 11:44 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies received a complaint about a suspected drunk driver. As part of the investigation, deputies went to a residence in the 23600 block of SW Mountain Home Road near Sherwood.

Deputies contacted an adult female and attempted to take her into custody for driving under the influence of intoxicants. The woman resisted arrest, at which point her husband armed himself with a gun and threatened to shoot deputies. Deputies called for assistance from the inter-agency [Washington County Tactical Negotiations Team](#).

Over the next several hours, deputies and negotiators from the [Washington County Crisis Negotiations Unit](#) spoke with the couple to arrange a peaceful resolution.

On July 26, 2018, at 2:49 a.m., the male surrendered and was taken into custody. He was identified as 68-year-old John E. Kerekanich. He will be charged with unlawful use of a weapon, menacing and interfering with a peace officer.



Deputies obtained a search warrant for the residence just before 5 a.m. The female surrendered without further incident. She was identified as 58-year-old Meri E. Kerekanich. She will be charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants, resisting arrest and escape in the third degree.



Deputies recovered the gun used in this morning's incident. No one was injured.

We would like to thank the Sherwood Police Department, Tigard Police Department and the King City Police Department for their assistance with this incident.

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