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PRESS RELEASE

TO: All Local Media

FROM: Master Officer Samuel Winkler

RE: Armed domestic with shot fired

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****Please review the following information for consideration to be included in routine reporting.****

Just after midnight on Sunday, May 17, 2015, officers with the South Jordan Police Department responded to the 10700 South block of Ozarks Drive (4390 West) on the report of an armed domestic in-progress. Information was the 44-year old male resident was intoxicated and involved in a family fight while armed with a handgun.

The male is being identified as Bryan Lefevre age 44 of South Jordan, Utah.

Mr. Lefevre was involved in a verbal argument with his 41-year old wife, and during this argument Mr. Lefevre produced a handgun and threatened to shoot himself. Family members fought with Mr. Lefevre and were able to disarm him; however, the fighting continued and escalated to a physical altercation.

Mr. Lefevre then found a rifle inside the residence and pointed the rifle at his wife. Mr. Lefevre made comments of wanting to die instead of going to jail.

The occupants of the residence (wife age 41, children ages 1, 10 and 20) evacuated safely to waiting officers outside.

While officers had set up containment on the residence and attempted to have Mr. Lefevre exit safely, a single gunshot was heard discharged by Mr. Lefevre while he was still inside the residence. Mr. Lefevre opened the door and told the officers he had targeted them and would not hesitate in shooting the officers.

A few minutes later, Mr. Lefevre exited the residence, unarmed, and surrendered to officers outside.

Mr. Lefevre was arrested and booked into the Salt Lake County Adult Detention Center on charges of aggravated domestic assault, domestic assault and discharging a firearm within city limits.

“Our officers showed great restraint when encountered by this armed individual who had already discharged one round and threatened to shoot the responding officers with a high-powered rifle. This incident could have quickly turned tragic for all involved; however, the officers involved were able to talk to the suspect and encourage him to surrender without any force needed,” Master Officer Samuel Winkler, South Jordan Police Department.

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