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Geyserville man arrested after standoff Friday night.
Kevin Thornburg, 63 years old, Geyserville, was arrested for multiple felonies after a standoff with deputies.
On Friday, September 2, 2022, at about 10:42 p.m., deputies were dispatched to the 1000 block of Moody Lane, Geyserville, for a domestic disturbance. The victim told dispatch that Thornburg was armed with a gun. She ran away and hid in a nearby outbuilding but was still at risk of being hit by gunfire. Dispatch told deputies that they could hear gunshots in the background.
As deputies arrived, they heard several gunshots from near the house. They couldn't see Thornburg or determine which direction he was shooting. They heard him firing indiscriminately, off and on. Some deputies established a perimeter to prevent him from escaping to nearby homes while others evacuated immediate neighbors who were in danger from the gunshots. Two deputies were able to get past the house while Thornburg was randomly shooting, risking being hit by gunfire, to find the victim and ensure she stayed safe.
Thornburg went in the house and refused to come out. Henry-1, the Hostage Negotiations Team, and the SWAT team arrived. The Hostage Negotiations Team and SWAT continuously tried to get him out of the house and surrender peacefully, but he refused. CHP's helicopter (H30) arrived later to assist.
Shortly after 1:30 a.m., Thornburg walked outside, still refusing to comply with deputies' orders and acting aggressively. Deputies released a K9, which bit him on the leg. He fought the dog and tried to go back in the house. Deputies then used several less lethal projectiles to gain compliance.
Thornburg ultimately gave up. Deputies immediately provided medical aid and he was transported to a hospital.
Thornburg fired more than 30 rounds while deputies were present. When deputies later reviewed the Henry 1 footage, they saw he had fired several rounds at the helicopter.
Thornburg was arrested for felony assault with a deadly weapon, felony criminal threats, felony resisting arrest, misdemeanor negligent discharge of a firearm, misdemeanor resisting arrest, and misdemeanor injuring a police dog. He is currently in custody on $50,000 bail.
This was a long, dangerous incident for deputies and nearby residents and workers. We appreciate the public's cooperation and the CHP helicopter crew's support.
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