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Barricaded subject on Farm House Road

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NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – Charleston County deputies on Wednesday night arrested a man who had barricaded himself inside a Ravenel home for 24 hours.

The Charleston County Sheriff's Office responded to a domestic disturbance involving a weapon about 8:30 p.m. Tuesday on Farm House Road. Dispatchers received reports of a man who had made threats to family members while armed with a firearm.

Two family members inside were able to walk out of the house before deputies arrived, but the man remained barricaded inside. He refused deputies' commands to come out.

At times, the man emerged from the home before walking back inside. He also presented a shotgun in front of deputies on scene.

CCSO's SWAT team and crisis negotiators, among other personnel, responded. Negotiators established contact with the man at times over the hours-long incident. The Charleston Police Department's SWAT team and negotiators also assisted with the effort.

About 8:45 p.m. Wednesday, SWAT team members made entry in a tactical operation and located the man in the home. He was arrested without significant incident.

Michael Shawn Sweeney, 52, was taken to the Al Cannon Detention Center for booking on charges of domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature, first-degree assault and battery, and four counts of pointing and presenting a firearm.

There was no known danger to area residents during this incident. Residents were permitted to come and go from their homes, but the neighborhood and private road were closed to non-residents. CCSO thanks community members for their patience throughout the incident.

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