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PRESS RELEASE

Date: Saturday, April 4, 2009

Defendant: Miguel A. COLON; age 30 of 21 Village Way, Webster, MA

Incident: Revoked License

At 10:23 p.m. Patrolman Jacob Bloniasz stopped a motor vehicle on Davis Street, Rte. 16 after observing it with a defective headlight. The operator was identified as Mr. COLON and a further check of his license status revealed it to be revoked. Mr. COLON was placed into custody and transported back to the Douglas Police station. He was subsequently bailed and released.

Date: Sunday, April 5, 2009

Defendant: Paul J. MILLER Jr.; age 47 of 60 Yew Street, Douglas, MA

Incident: Armed Standoff, Assault w/ Intent to Kill, Assault w/ Dang. Weapon, Threatening to Commit Murder, Illegal Discharge of a Firearm, Unlawful Possession of Shotgun, Ammunition

At 3:57 p.m. Douglas Police Dispatcher Daniel Dunleavy answered a hang-up E-911 call from 60 Yew Street. A second E-911 call was received moments later from an individual identified as Paul J. Miller, Jr. of that address. Officers Raymond Majeau and Norman Forget arrived moments later and spoke with Mr. Miller's wife who denied making the calls.

Officer Majeau was directed to a 3-story barn across the street where he was told Mr. Miller could be located. Officer Majeau called out to Miller from outside the barn and was told by Miller that he would be killed if he entered the barn. Officer Majeau was able to see Miller inside the barn with what appeared to be a long-barreled weapon pointed in his direction.



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Officer Majeau attempted to speak with Miller further but was unable to establish constructive communication. Officer Majeau began to move away from the barn when Mr. Miller fired one round from the shotgun in his direction. Officer Majeau and Forget, along with Miller's wife, took cover a short distance from the barn where they remained for nearly 2 hours before being extracted safely by an armored vehicle provided by the Massachusetts State Police.

Mr. Miller continued his stand-off for several more hours while attempts to negotiate his safe surrender continued by phone. During this time, Mr. Miller made a number of additional threats and was believed to have been heavily armed while authorities learned he had barricaded himself inside the barn.

As a result of continued negotiation, Mr. Miller eventually exited the barn and surrendered peacefully. He was placed under arrest and transported back to the Douglas Police station where he was booked and held overnight on \$100,000.00 cash bail. He was transported to Uxbridge District Court on Monday morning.

Officers later learned that Mr. Miller had fired the shotgun at his wife prior to their arrival. A subsequent search executed on the barn and the residence turned up a large amount of live ammunition, a hunting knife, and the shotgun used by Miller. Evidence that Mr. Miller had also consumed alcohol was discovered within the barn.

Along with the Massachusetts State Police Stop Team, its Negotiators, and State Police Detectives assigned to D.A. Early's office, officers from Sutton, Uxbridge, and Webster Police Departments responded to assist. The Central Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council S.W.A.T. Team, along with the Worcester County Sheriff's Office was also on-hand to provide assistance.