



BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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Media Release

Incident: Suicidal subject; Assault
Location: 7300 Block of Moberly Drive
Date & time: 05/24/08 2130
Case Number: 08-3068

Details;

On 05/24/08 at approximately 2130 hours, Boone County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the 7300 block of Moberly Drive for a suicidal subject. Joint Communications had relayed information that 35 year-old Joseph Lacey, of Columbia, had forced his girlfriend and some family members to flee from the apartment they shared, following a series of arguments. Deputies also gained information Lacey was threatening to harm himself by setting himself on fire inside the apartment.

Personnel from The Boone County SWAT Team were called as part of the response and tactical plan along with the Boone County Fire Protection District. Deputies evacuated the remaining apartments in the building, and the residents were escorted safely away from the immediate area.

After a short time, Lacey exited the building and deputies subdued him without further incident. The BCFPD cleared the residence as safe to re-enter, and all the residents were allowed to return.

Deputies transported Lacey to a local hospital for treatment of minor injuries. At this time, this incident remains under investigation. No photo was available at the time of this release.

All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Release date & time: 05/25/08 0100
Release authorized by: Sergeant Mike Krohn

