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Date: June 8, 2013

Case No. 13-9149

On June 8, 2013, at approximately 1:49 a.m., Portage Department of Public Safety Dispatch received a call of gunshots fired at 5528 Deerfield Street. Upon the arrival of officers, contact was made with several subjects that had fled out of the home. Officers were advised that an altercation had occurred between some of the residents of the house and the suspect, who was the homeowner. The subjects stated that during the altercation, the suspect had retrieved a shotgun, pointed it at them, and then discharged a round into an adjacent wall.

Officers immediately set up a perimeter around the residence and began a dialogue with the 53-year-old suspect over the phone. For approximately two hours, the suspect refused to exit the residence and advised officers that he would shoot anyone who attempted to disarm him. As the negotiations continued, the Kalamazoo Metro S.W.A.T. team was activated and responded to the scene.

At approximately 4:16 a.m., the suspect exited the home and surrendered, at which time he was taken into custody and lodged at the Kalamazoo County Jail. Charges of felonious assault and discharging a firearm in an occupied dwelling will be forwarded for review to the Kalamazoo County Prosecutor's Office.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, [www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com](http://www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com).

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