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Media Release

Date of Release: 05/21/2023

Date of Incident Occurrence: 05/21/2023
Between the hours of 3:15 A.M. and 9:15 A.M.

Nature of Event: Standoff and Arrest of Thomas Harvey

Location of Event Occurrence: In the area of Orchard St. and Jefferson St.

Media Release Written By: Sgt. Edmonds

On May 21, 2023 at about 3:15 A.M., the Auburn Police Department responded to a multi-unit residence located in the area of Orchard St. and Jefferson St. in the City of Auburn on a report that Thomas R. Harvey (who was currently wanted by this agency for an arrest warrant issued out of Auburn City Court and currently being supervised by NYS Parole) was reportedly in possession of a hand grenade. It was further reported Harvey was under the influence of drugs and threatening self-harm.

Upon officers arrival to the area and an initial investigation into the matter in order to try to substantiate the possession of the hand grenade, it was also reported Harvey may be in possession of a handgun. Upon further investigation, it was also discovered Harvey was violating two stay away order of protections against two separate individuals while being at the residence.

Due to the nature of the allegations, Cayuga County 911 initiated a "reverse" 911 call to area residents in order to advise area residents to evacuate for safety purposes. Several residents in the multi-unit residence Harvey was determined to be occupying were eventually evacuated over the course of several hours. Several attempts were made to make contact with Harvey which resulted in Harvey not cooperating. Harvey subsequently barricaded himself in the residence and a standoff ensued.

As a result of Harvey's actions, APD Emergency Response Team (ERT), Onondaga County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) Bomb Squad and Cayuga County Sheriff's Office Tactical Response Unit (TRU) were activated. After several hours of attempted negotiations, Harvey exited the residence and attempted to flee on foot. After a short foot pursuit, Harvey was taken into custody at about 8:00 A.M.

A search warrant was obtained for the residence Harvey had been occupying, where two hand grenades were located along with a crossbow, an inoperable semi-automatic rifle, a replica AR-15 style BB gun and a replica semi-automatic handgun style BB gun. The hand grenades were determined to be inert by OCSO Bomb Squad and subsequently removed from the residence for safety purposes and for further testing.

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Thomas R. Harvey
33 years of age

Harvey was arrested and charged with the following:

- 1 count of Aggravated Family Offense (E-felony)
- 2 count of Criminal Contempt 2nd (A-misd.)
- 1 count Resisting Arrest (A-misd.)
- 1 count Obstructing Governmental Administration (A-misd.)
- 1 count Harassment 2nd (violation)
- Arrest Warrant for 1 count Harassment 2nd (violation)

Harvey was transported to Cayuga County Jail for Centralized Arraignment Proceedings. The Cayuga County District Attorney's Office is requesting Harvey be remanded based on previous felony convictions and the current charges.