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Date/Time of Release: 02-27-20 9:00 PM

Date of Incident Occurrence: 02-27-20 4:00 PM

Nature of Event: Weapon Complaint

Location of Event Occurrence: 255 Grant Ave. (Grant Motel)

Media Release Written By: Sgt. Androsko

On 02-27-20 at about 4:00 PM the Auburn Police Department was dispatched to a weapon complaint at 255 Grant Ave. (Grant Motel). Officers were advised while in route to the scene that a subject was pointing a possible long gun towards the woods behind the Grant Motel. The subject was outside near the Grant Motel and the storage units near All Storage. The subject then entered the room through a window.

Upon arrival the Auburn Police Department was met with the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office, along with the New York State Police at the scene. All personnel then set up a perimeter around the building. Officers then observed a long gun pointing from the window of one of the room's windows towards the woods.

Officers attempted to make contact with the occupants of the room in question at the Grant Motel for period of time, all while battling near subzero temperatures. Officers utilized the Grant Motel phone and the police car PA, but with no avail.

After a period of about thirty minutes one occupant then exited the room from the back window and was immediately placed into custody without incident. The person was later identified as William Walter. Walter then advised officers there were two more occupants in the room. The names were Nichole Gourley and Randy Dwyer.

Officers attempted to make repeated contact with Gourley and Dwyer, with negative results. At this time the Auburn Police Department's Hostage Negotiation Team (HNT) and Emergency Response Team (ERT) were activated for assistance. After their arrival and approximately another hour of attempted contact negotiations with the two with no avail the Auburn Police Department ERT team deployed an Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) round in the room. Gourley and Dwyer then exited the front door to the room and were taken into custody by the ERT members.



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All three were then transported to APD HQ for processing. Gourley, Dwyer, and Walter were all charged with obstruction governmental administration in the second degree. William Walter was additionally charged with reckless endangerment in the second degree. Gourley and Dwyer were also found to have petit larceny arrest warrants.

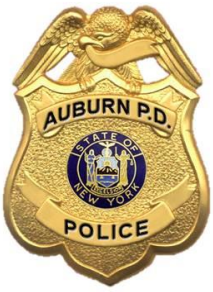
William Walter, Nichole Gourley, and Randy Dwyer were all released on appearance tickets due to the Bail Reform Laws that took effect January 1st of 2020.

The Auburn Police Department would like to thank the Cayuga County Sheriff’s Office, New York State Police, Auburn Fire Department, TLC Ambulance, Cayuga County 911 Dispatchers, and Auburn City Street Department for their assistance during this incident.



Arrested: Nichole Gourley DOB: 08-16-81 28 Middle Lane Weedsport, NY 13166

Charges: (1) Ct Obstructing Governmental Administration 2nd Degree A Misdemeanor



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Arrested: William I. Walter DOB: 01-02-1975 255 Grant Ave. Auburn, NY 13021

Charges: (1) Ct Reckless Endangerment 2nd Degree A Misdemeanor
(1) Ct Obstructing Governmental Administration 2nd Degree A Misdemeanor



Arrested: Randy P. Dwyer 08-25-1978 Transient

Charges: (1) Ct Obstructing Governmental Administration 2nd Degree A Misdemeanor