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211 P.C. – Armed Robbery 245 (a)(c) P.C. – Assault with a Deadly Weapon Upon a Peace Officer S.W.A.T. Standoff

On 10/2/2008 at 7:12 AM, Vallejo Police received a call of an armed robbery that occurred in the 300 block of Ohio Street. A husband and wife had just entered their vehicle when a lone gunman appeared and put a handgun to the woman's head and demanded cash. The suspect took a purse, the male's wallet, and their cash before running from the area. The male victim ran after the suspect and followed him to 241A Kentucky Street, where he saw the suspect enter an upstairs apartment in the 4-unit complex.

Vallejo Police Officers arrived almost immediately and began to attempt contact with the suspect. The suspect began firing several shots at the officers through the walls of the apartment. Officers were able to escape injury, but an immediate tactical response was initiated. The Vallejo Police Department S.W.A.T. and Hostage Negotiation Team arrived shortly thereafter, and a protracted standoff began.

Negotiators identified the suspect as a local wanted parolee and registered sex offender – 27 year-old Vallejo transient Darelle Maurice White. White apparently has an aunt who lives at the location, but it was determined that no other occupants were inside the apartment as the event unfolded. Negotiators were able to speak with the suspect by telephone, but he remained uncooperative and refused to exit. At one point additional shots were heard coming from inside, but no one was injured.

Tear gas was eventually introduced into the apartment, but it had little apparent effect and the suspect continued to resist negotiators efforts to convince him to exit peacefully. The suspect also began to threaten suicide and stated he would exit with his gun in hand. After a period of approximately 3 hours, the S.W.A.T. team made entry and located the

suspect barricaded in a bathroom. He continued to resist efforts, despite additional tear gas being introduced into the bathroom. Eventually, he threw his handgun from behind the door and exited, only to struggle violently with officers. The suspect fought through being shot with taser darts, and was eventually subdued. Suspect White did sustain a fractured facial bone, and was transported to a local hospital, where he will undergo surgery to repair his injury.

No Vallejo Police Department personnel were injured, and the weapon and items taken from the robbery victims were recovered inside the apartment. The weapon used by the suspect was taken from an August, 2008, burglary in the Glen Cove area of Vallejo.

Suspect White faces many additional felony charges, including being a felon in possession of a handgun, possession of stolen property, and parole violation.

Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Detective Matt Meredith at (707) 648-4509.



Darelle Maurice White