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*****UPDATE*****

According to Acting Prosecutor Williams, “The armed suspect taken into custody after today’s standoff with law enforcement personnel has been identified as Shane P. Lawrence, age 45, of Frenchtown, NJ. Mr. Lawrence has been charged with four counts of 2nd degree Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose and two counts of 3rd degree Terroristic Threats. The investigation is ongoing and additional information will be released when available.”

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BARRICADED SUBJECT TAKEN INTO CUSTODY IN FRENCHTOWN

Acting Hunterdon County Prosecutor Michael J. Williams and Acting Chief of Detectives Frank R. Crisologo announced that a standoff with an armed subject has been safely resolved. The Hunterdon County Prosecutor’s Office’s SWAT Team and the Frenchtown Borough Police Department responded to a Frenchtown residence for a barricaded subject earlier this morning. The armed subject was taken into custody without incident at approximately 10:40 am. Law enforcement officers from the New Jersey State Police Kingwood barracks, Holland Township Police Department, and Lambertville City Police Department responded to assist.

According to Acting Prosecutor Williams, “I would like to commend the law enforcement officers who responded to the incident in Frenchtown this morning.. The officers and the SWAT team that responded today train vigorously for situations like this. Their level of competency and commitment to their profession directly led to bringing the individual into custody without further incident or injury. Law enforcement exercised great restraint and professionalism in bringing this matter to a safe resolution.”

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