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MEDIA RELEASE

Wanted Man Apprehended in Beach Park After Barricading Himself in Residence

On August 31, 2019, at approximately 7:20AM, Lake County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the 13400 block of Victoria Lane, Beach Park for a domestic dispute. Upon arrival, Sheriff's Deputies discovered one of the parties involved in the dispute, Brian O. Harper, 45, of the 3100 block of West Grandville Avenue, Waukegan, had an active felony arrest warrant for driving on a revoked driver's license and a felony failure to appear arrest warrant for aggravated fleeing and eluding.

As Sheriff's Deputies approached the residence, Harper barricaded himself inside. The female who dialed 911 regarding the dispute, was able to exit the residence before Harper barricaded himself. As Sheriff's Deputies communicated with Harper from outside the residence, he taunted them, telling Sheriff's Deputies to kick in the door and come get him.

After two hours of negotiating with Harper, he agreed to open the door and surrender. He was then observed by Sheriff's Deputies opening a garage service door, but quickly shut it and retreated back into the house. Sheriff's Deputies breached the door and Harper continued to resist. Harper was tased and taken into custody without further incident.

Harper was transported to the Lake County Jail where in addition to his arrest warrants, he was charged with:
Criminal Damage to Property
Resisting a Peace Officer

Sheriff John Idleburg said, "This is another example of the dangerous job our personnel face on a daily basis. I applaud our staff on the scene for spending hours attempting to negotiate a peaceful surrender of this offender. Instead, he didn't cooperate and continued his resistance, but our deputies were able to safely apprehend him."

Harper is currently being held at the Lake County Jail on \$150,000.00 bail.

All suspects are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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