



Banning Police Department

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Press Release

Date: February 22, 2013

Case : 13-678

Location: 400 Block 41st Street, Banning

Incident: Exhibiting a Deadly Weapon/Threat of Serious Bodily Injury Arrest

On Thursday, February 21st, 2013, at about 2:25 pm, Banning Police Officers were dispatched to the 400 block of 41st street in reference to a man with a knife threatening to kill one of his neighbors. As officers arrived on scene they were informed the suspect, 24 year old Jeremiah Gerky, had gone into his residence on 41st street. Officers attempted to contact Gerky at his residence. However, Gerky did not comply with officers' demands to exit his residence and instead taunted the officers from within inside and told them to bring their "SWAT" team. Officers on scene also thought they might have heard a second subject speaking in the residence. However, it was later learned Gerky was the sole occupant of the residence.

Continuous demands by officers for Gerky to surrender himself were ignored as he began throwing items, including mirrors and glass items, both in and outside of his residence. A perimeter was set up around the residence with the assistance of officers from the Beaumont Police Department, Riverside County Sheriff's Department, and the San Geronimo Special Operations Gang Task Force. Based on Gerky's violent behavior, threats to his neighbor, and the fact he was potentially still armed with a knife, the Banning Police Department's Emergency Tactical Unit was called to the scene.

The tactical unit's initial attempts to remove Gerky from his residence included verbal demands with a loud speaker and phone calls to his cell phone over an extensive period of time. However, Gerky continued to ignore the requests for his surrender. Ultimately, a single 40 mm ferret round containing CS gas was deployed into Gerky's residence through a window. Within moments of the gas deployment, Gerky exited his residence through the front door with his hands in the air and surrendered himself to officers without incident. Neither Gerky nor any of the officers involved in his arrest were injured.

Gerky was transported to the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility in Banning where he was booked for the noted charges.

The case against Gerky will be filed with the Riverside County District Attorney's Office.