



# NEWS RELEASE

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**Nowthen Barricaded Subject and Arrest**  
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On December 18, 2025, at approximately 5:58 P.M., Anoka County Emergency Communicans received a call from a homeowner in the 18800 block of Jasper St. NW in the City of Nowthen, reporting an adult male was at the location wanted on outstanding warrants. Multiple warrants were confirmed as well as having a KOPS alert for an attempt to locate on an order for protection violation. Anoka County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched and upon arrival they contacted the subject and were met with threats of violence to shoot deputies. For the safety of nearby residents, a shelter in place warning was sent out to the surrounding area.

The Anoka County SWAT Team was activated, and negotiations were attempted with the subject who refused to cooperate. During the incident the subject fired multiple shots from within the residence. Additional SWAT teams were later called in for mutual aid overnight and into the early morning hours of December 19<sup>th</sup>. At approximately 12:39 P.M. on December 19<sup>th</sup>, a fire broke out inside the residence and shortly thereafter the subject, a 39-year-old adult male, was taken into custody and transported to the Anoka County Jail.

The magnitude of this incident lasting over 18 hours was additionally complicated with the frigid temperatures and a drain on available resources. We wish to extend our sincere gratitude to our mutual aid partners that provided assistance. Law enforcement SWAT mutual aid was provided by Sherburne County Sheriff's Office, Elk River Police Department, Wright County Sheriff's Office, and St. Cloud Police Department. Allina EMS provided on-site medical support throughout the incident. Responding Fire Departments and mutual aid was provided by the Nowthen Fire Department, Oak Grove Fire Department, St. Francis Fire Department, Andover Fire Department, Ramsey Fire Department, Elk River Fire Department, Zimmerman Fire Department and Isanti Fire Department.

This incident remains under investigation by the Anoka County Sheriff's Office. No further information will be released at this time.

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