



Abilene Police Department Information Release



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Subject – Tasing Incident

Investigation Status – Closed

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In the evening hours of October 23, 2011 two APD officers responded to a residence in reference to a suicidal subject. They were informed by a roommate that a male subject was inside the residence with a gun and that he had been threatening to commit suicide. They were granted access into the house to investigate. Once the officer's presence was discovered by the suicidal man he ran to the back of the residence with the officers giving chase. The subject entered a bedroom and lunged for a pistol that was lying on a bed. The subject began to turn over with the gun in his hand when one of the officers, who had already drawn his Taser, quickly deployed the Taser from a distance. The subject was taken into custody without injury and was subsequently provided mental health services. The judicious use of less lethal weapons can save lives, and we are thankful for the successful outcome of this investigation.