

Geneva officer, Kane deputy injured in fatal South - Northwest Herald, The (Crystal Lake, IL) - July 5, 2018

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SOUTH ELGIN – A Geneva police officer was one of three wounded by gunfire in a fatal overnight standoff with an armed man in South Elgin, police said.

After nearly four hours of trying to negotiate with him, a man identified as **Frank Dripps**, 52, came out onto the porch of his townhouse in the 300 block of Woodridge Circle in South Elgin and shot at SWAT team members who returned fire, killing him, South Elgin Sgt. Michael Doty said.

"Three officers were struck by some type of bullet or fragment of bullets," Doty said. "The three were transported to the hospital with nonlife-threatening injuries."

Two of the wounded officers were from the Kane County SWAT team – a sheriff's deputy and a Geneva officer who were part of the SWAT team – and a Hanover Park officer who was assisting, Kane County Sheriff's spokesman Lt. Pat Gengler said.

The incident began at 10:50 p.m. July 3 with residents of the 300 block of Woodridge Circle reporting shots fired at a townhouse building. The incident ended at 2:38 a.m. July 4 with the suspect shooting at officers and then being fatally shot himself, Doty said.

When officers first arrived, Dripps fired at them from the first-floor townhouse where he lived, Doty said.

"Officers immediately took cover and tried to negotiate with the suspect," Doty said. "After a period of time, a supervisor called ... mutual aid for police agencies. Also, the suspect was still acting erratically and said if police came, he would shoot them."

Multiple police agencies from the area and SWAT teams from Elgin and Kane County all responded, Doty said.

"After a period of about four hours of negotiating with the suspect, he exited onto his porch area and started shooting at SWAT team members," Doty said. "They returned fire and took the suspect out. ... The suspect was shot at 2:38 a.m."

Dripps had a shotgun and a rifle, Doty said.

Doty could not say how many rounds were fired because that is still under investigation.

The Kane County Major Crimes Task Force Officer Involved Shooting Team is investigating the incident, Doty said.

"The investigation is ongoing with police speaking with witnesses," Doty said. "Officers will take time to sort it out."

Gengler said the county's SWAT officer was treated and released from the hospital.

In an email, Geneva Cmdr. Julie Nash said the injured Geneva officer was treated and released from the hospital.

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