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On Friday, September 04, 2009 at approximately 19:00 hours, Cumberland County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the Crooked River Camp Ground, located on State Park Road in the Town of Casco, on a report of a male threatening with a firearm. Maine State Police and Windham Police also responded. The victim had reported that his next door neighbor was intoxicated and was attempting to drive off in a vehicle. When the victim attempted to stop the suspect from driving the suspect threatened him with what the victim described as a semi-automatic handgun. As the victim was fleeing to his residence, he heard approximately 5 to 6 shots being fired from the weapon.

When Sheriff's Deputies arrived on scene, they observed the suspect standing in front of his residence. The suspect fled into his residence and refused to communicate with the Deputies. The Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Tactical Team and the Hostage Negotiation Team responded to the scene. The Hostage Negotiators were able to convince the suspect to exit the residence after approximately two hours of negotiations. Upon doing so, the suspect attempted to make his way to a truck that was parked near the residence. One of the Tactical Team members tackled the suspect before he was able to enter the vehicle.

Taken into custody was William J. Hager, DOB: April 18, 1957, a resident of 19 Griffin Drive, in Casco. Mr. Hager, who appeared intoxicated, was charged with criminal threatening with a firearm and creating a police stand-off. He has been transported by Sheriff's Deputies to the Cumberland County Jail. At this time, it appears that the weapon may have been a .177 caliber semi automatic pellet gun. In addition, 6 other firearms were seized from the residence.

Any further questions concerning this incident can be directed to Captain Jeff Davis at 774-1444 ext. 2222. Booking information can be obtained from the Cumberland County Jail at 774-5939.

Prepared by Capt. Davis

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Hagar, William Joseph

Date of Birth: 04/18/1957

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