

BELOIT POLICE DEPARTMENT



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PRESS RELEASE

Incident Number: 13-1432 Date: February 21, 2013 For Additional Information Contact: Captain Vince Sciame-(608)364-6812

On February 21, 2013, at about 12:25 p.m., Beloit Police officers responded to a disturbance at a residence in the 1800 block of Park Av. While in route, it was learned that the suspect had threatened the caller with a handgun and fled the scene in his vehicle. Responding officers observed the suspect vehicle as it pulled into a secure parking garage of an apartment building in the 900 block of Park Av. Officers were advised that the suspect lived in a third floor apartment of the building. Officers then secured the building and began negotiations to take the suspect into custody.

The apartment building in question is in close proximity to the Beloit College and their security was notified. As a safety measure, Beloit College placed their campus into a lock down during the entire incident. The lock down was terminated once the suspect was in custody.

At about 1:50 p.m., voice contact was made with the suspect. Shortly after 3:00 p.m., the suspect and a female acquaintance voluntarily exited the apartment and were taken into custody without incident. During the initial search of the apartment another female was found hiding and she also was taken into custody.

A more comprehensive search of the apartment did not reveal a handgun. However, suspected drugs and paraphernalia were located. The suspect denies having or threatening anyone with a gun.

Those arrested and their respective charges are:

JOSE R. RODRIQUEZ, H/M, 08/30/1961, of BELOIT Disorderly Conduct while Armed Resisting Arrest

DIAMOND C. HODGES, B/F, 08/18/1992, of BELOIT Three Arrest Warrants for Traffic offenses

DAWN M. FORD, W/F, 12/18/1968, of BELOIT Department of Corrections warrant Additional charges are possible pending the investigation of the possession of the illegal narcotics.

Throughout this incident no shots were fired and no individuals were injured.

Pursuant to the directive of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, as found in Supreme Court Rule 20:3:6 Trial Publicity, you are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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