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Harrisonburg Police Department Arrests Wanted Suspect Monday Night After Standoff

HARRISONBURG, VA – A man wanted for arrest was taken into custody late Monday night following a standoff in Harrisonburg.

The Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD) received information on April 21 that the wanted individual, Sean A. Barb, 38, of Harrisonburg, was on location at a home on Ridgeville Lane. Barb was wanted out of Rockingham County for three Circuit Court Capiases. His original charges included two counts of manufacturing controlled substances and one count of gang participation.

When HPD officers arrived at the home to serve the warrant, Barb barricaded himself with a firearm in the basement of the residence. Officers continued to give Barb commands to come out, but he refused to comply. The HPD Special Weapons and Tactics (S.W.A.T.) team and the Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT) were then deployed to the scene. Officers maintained communication with Barb in an effort to get him to exit the residence peacefully.

The Harrisonburg-Rockingham Emergency Communication Center (ECC) issued a shelter-in-place order at approximately 9:30 p.m. directed at the affected neighborhood and nearby streets. This decision, made by law enforcement, aims to alert the public about a potential threat within their vicinity. Residents are advised to remain indoors in a safe place during a shelter-in-place order, and they should anticipate a substantial police presence in the area. Community members can register to receive these types of alerts by going online to https://harrisonburgva.gov/eas.

Barb was safely removed from the home after approximately three hours and placed under arrest. He was charged with the following: 19.2-232: Capias of Circuit Court x3

Anyone with information on this case is encouraged to call Crime Solvers at 540-574-5050 or visit www.harrisonburgva.gov/tip-411. Tips may be submitted online or by texting HPDVA and your tip to 847411. Both methods are anonymous, and information leading to the arrest of a suspect may be eligible for a reward through Crime Solvers.

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(Above) Sean A. Barb