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Suspect Arrested after SWAT Standoff

On Sunday, 6-12-05, deputies responded to 17499 Hwy 180 regarding a suspicious person in a campground. Upon arrival the subject armed himself and a stand-off began. The suspect barricaded himself in his vehicle. The SWAT team responded to the scene along with negotiators. After several hours the suspect was taken into custody by use of less lethal force.

The suspect has been identified as William Jay Ward 10-11-50. He was transported to UMC where he was admitted to the psychiatric unit for evaluation. The suspect was booked by proxy into the Fresno County Jail on several weapons charges and assault with a deadly weapon against deputies. A deceased deer was found in the suspect's vehicle, he will also face fish and game code violations.