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MEDIA RELEASE

DEPUTIES SAFELY RESOLVE ARMED ENCOUNTER STEMMING FROM MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

Bradley County, TN – (November 17, 2025) Deputies from the Bradley County Sheriff's Office responded to a home in Northeast Bradley County near Urbane Road to assist Paramedics with Bradley County EMS and Fire Fighters with the Bradley County Fire Department on a medical call that turned into a mental health crisis where a subject became combative. When Deputies arrived, the initial first responders had vacated the home due to the actions of the man they were trying to assist.

A brief search for the man was conducted in the nearby neighborhood with help from the Cleveland Police Department. The man returned to his home and a BCSO drone was used to drop a cell phone so that a member of the Bradley County Sheriff's Office Crisis Negotiation Team could speak with the man. The Cleveland Police Department also assisted with the use of a drone and additional personnel at the location. During the negotiations the man fired shots at the drones being used to assist. A peaceful resolution was reached when the man eventually surrendered and was taken to a local hospital for treatment.

This is an ongoing investigation and criminal charges will be decided at the conclusion of the investigation. Further details will be released when they become available.

About BCSO

The Bradley County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) is a law enforcement agency serving all residents of Bradley County, Tennessee. The elected sheriff is Steve Lawson, who has held the post since September 2018. John Stone is the current chief deputy. BCSO is located at 2290 Blythe Avenue SE, Cleveland, TN 37311 and can be reached at 423-728-7300 for non-emergency calls.
