

PRESS RELEASE

Candia Police Department

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Date: 10/18/16
Incident: Reckless Conduct with a firearm
Location: Candia, NH

On Tuesday morning, October 18th, at approximately 8:20 a.m. Sergeant Scott Gallagher of the Candia Police Department was dispatched to 584 North Road for a report of a despondent female identified as,

Deborah Deslongchamps
Age 45
Candia, NH

Upon his arrival Sergeant Gallagher spoke with the husband on the front lawn and he learned that Deslongchamps was inside the residence with a handgun along with her 12 yr old daughter, refusing to come out. While Sgt Gallagher was assessing the situation, a lone gunshot was heard inside the residence. Surrounding police agencies from Auburn, Deerfield and State Police Troop-A and Troop-B responded to assist while negotiations began via cell phone with Deslongchamps. A perimeter was quickly established and the roadway was cordoned off in the immediate area to protect the public.

Within the first hour the 12 year old daughter was able to escape by exiting out a side door of the residence, running towards a perimeter trooper. Simultaneously a second gunshot was heard from within the residence. Shortly thereafter, Deslongchamps came to the side door with a handgun in hand. A perimeter trooper gave her verbal commands to drop the gun and exit the residence. Deslongchamps dropped the handgun however she failed to fully comply by walking back inside the residence.

The State Police SWAT team and Crisis Negotiation team were requested and responded to the scene. The perimeter was reinforced by SWAT team members while members of the Crisis Negotiation Unit communicated with Deslongchamps via her cell phone.

At approximately 11:30 a.m. Deslongchamps exited the residence on her own while maintaining communication with a crisis negotiation team member, resulting in her being taken into custody by perimeter SWAT team members without incident.

Deslongchamps is facing several charges to include Reckless Conduct, False Imprisonment, both felonies and Endangering the Welfare of a Child, misdemeanor. Deslongchamps is currently being held without bail. She is also receiving a mental health evaluation. She is expected to be held at the Rockingham County Jail where she will be video arraigned tomorrow at the 10th Circuit Court, Candia District. There is no booking photo available.

The Candia Police Department was assisted by the Auburn and Deerfield Police Departments, the New Hampshire State Police and the Candia Fire Department.



NHSP Crises Negotiation Unit



picture courtesy of NH State Police