

# *SPECIAL PRESS RELEASE*

## **FORT MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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**Date:** February 15<sup>th</sup> 2026

On February 15, at approximately 5:10 p.m., the Fort Madison Police Department responded to and conducted a civil standby at a residence located at 2133 Avenue L.

While officers were present, the homeowner was in the process of gathering personal belongings when Philip Hansen (DOB: 12/17/1984) entered a back room, produced a handgun, and pointed the firearm at an officer. The officer was able to safely retreat to the living room, after which Hansen barricaded himself inside the bedroom.

Officers made multiple attempts to establish communication and negotiate Hansen's peaceful surrender. During these efforts, Hansen made several verbal threats toward officers and refused to comply with commands.

Due to the elevated risk to public safety, the Fort Madison Police Department, LeeComm, Lee County Sheriff's Office, Iowa State Patrol, Lee County EMS, and Fort Madison Fire Department responded to the scene. The surrounding block was secured, and nearby residences and roadways were evacuated as a precaution.

After more than two hours of negotiations, a search warrant was obtained. The Lee County Special Response Team and the Iowa State Patrol Tactical Team deployed less-lethal chemical agents inside the residence to gain compliance. Hansen subsequently surrendered peacefully without further incident.

A search of the residence resulted in the recovery of evidence supporting the crime. Hansen was taken into custody and transported to the Lee County Jail, where he was charged with Assault on a Peace Officer While Displaying a Dangerous Weapon.

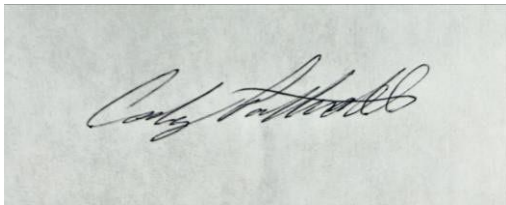
There is no ongoing threat to the public related to this incident.

Disclaimer:

All persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

The Fort Madison Police Department remains committed to transparency and to keeping the community informed regarding public safety matters.

Authorized by:

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature is cursive and appears to read "Cody Potthast".

Chief Cody Potthast