

A 34-year-old male suspect is in custody this morning on a menacing charge and an unrelated arrest warrant after a domestic violence incident on Nehalem Highway north of Vernonia.

Deputies responded to a report of at least one shot fired and found the suspect refusing to surrender from inside the residence at 67952 Nehalem Highway North. Columbia County Sheriff's deputies and officers from the multi-agency Critical Incident Response Team surrounded the residence. After several attempts to get the man to surrender, a stun grenade in combination with a taser deployment brought the incident to a safe conclusion.

Robert P. Greenawald, 34, Vernonia was taken into custody at 5:47 a.m. and arrested for menacing and an outstanding probation violation warrant out of Washington County for Assault Fourth Degree.

The Sheriff's Office responded to the residence after the initial call came in at 1:11 a.m. The first responding deputy arrived at 1:59 a.m. Additional units arrived and the suspect went in and out of the house several times without surrendering. It was reported the suspect had a shotgun and had fired a shot from the weapon prior to the deputy's arrival. Investigators recovered a shotgun at the scene.

The roadway on Highway 47 between Apiary Rd. and Highway 202 was closed from 2:30 a.m. to just before 6 a.m.

The Sheriff's Office had the assistance of Mist/Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District personnel and Columbia 911 tactical dispatchers during the incident. In addition to Sheriff's deputies, officers from the St. Helens, Rainier and Oregon State Police departments converged on the scene and assisted in bringing this incident to an end safely.

Deputies this morning are continuing their investigation into the incident.