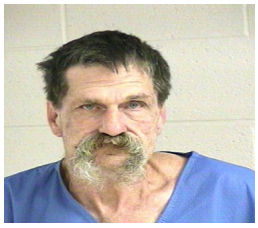

A 61-year-old shooting suspect is in custody, following a 10-hour standoff with deputies and local police officers.

Oregon State Police SWAT team members took him into custody around 12:10 a.m. after a short struggle. Medics are transported him to an area hospital with unknown injuries that were not life-threatening. CCSO deputies then escorted the suspect, Cary Woodard to the Columbia County Jail. Woodard is facing charges of menacing and felon in possession of a firearm, among other charges.

Deputies also executed a search warrant for evidence of crimes committed by Woodard during the incident. The warrant was executed immediately after the scene was secured and Woodard was in custody.

Deputies responded to the vicinity of 18382 Co Op Rd., west of Clatskanie, at 2:20 p.m. November 2, after receiving reports that Woodard had gone berserk during a squabble at the residence there. Woodard reportedly took a .22-caliber, bolt-action rifle and began firing it off in the house.

Residents in the home fled the area uninjured, going to a neighbor's house to call 9-1-1.

As they responded to the scene, deputies learned that Woodard had a criminal history of arrest for murder, but had been convicted of a lesser offense (manslaughter). The victims in this case also reported that Woodard would resist arrest.

The Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) was activated. Officers and deputies on the team responded and took up perimeter positions, but waited for a response from the Oregon State Police SWAT team, which had been already been previously deployed in another location.

OSP SWAT team members began arriving around 9 p.m. and are making their own assessment of the situation. The Sheriff's Office is being assisted by officers from the Clatskanie, Rainier, Columbia City, Saint Helens and Scappoose Police Departments, as well as the Oregon State Police. Two tactical dispatchers from Columbia 911 are also on scene and assisting with tactical operations.

"My thanks to the OSP SWAT team and the officers from the agencies in our county who stepped up to help us in this life-threatening situation," said Sheriff Jeff Dickerson. "Thanks also to the firefighters of the Clatskanie Fire District who stood by throughout the ordeal, and to the dispatchers of the Columbia 911 communications district who helped immensely during the standoff."