

## **NEWS RELEASE**



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**CASE NUMBER: 09-1573**

**DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 02-25-09/1038/hrs**

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**NATURE OF STORY: Police Officer Hold**

**LOCATION: 36594 Lisa Court – Marcola**

**INVOLVED: Rinehart, Joshua James / DOB 04-20-74**

**DETAILS: On February 25, 2009 at approx 1038/hrs, Lane County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to 36594 Lisa Court, Marcola after receiving information of a suicidal subject with a gun. This person was later identified as Joshua Rinehart.**

**Prior to the deputies' arrival they were advised the suspect was firing a gun into the floor of the residence. Another male subject, who was at the residence at the onset of this incident, had gone to another building on the property fearing for his safety.**

**Deputies believe over 20 rounds were fired in different directions in the residence, most of which occurred while the deputies were nearby.**

**This residence is in an area that is wide open and offered no type of safe approach for the responding deputies. A requested was made to the Eugene**

**Police Department to use their ballistic vehicle. (Called a BearCat) This protective vehicle is designed to transport law enforcement officers safely in potentially dangerous environments. Vehicles of this type are widely used in civilian law enforcement, although the Lane Sheriff's Office does not possess one.**

**The Eugene Police SWAT Team arrived and the incident was resolved shortly after the BearCat drove toward the front door of the involved residence. The suspect, Rinehart, was taken into custody without incident.**

**Rinehart was transported to the hospital on a police officers hold. The investigation is continuing and criminal charges may be pending.**

**Prepared by: Lt. Randy Smith**