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Killeen Police arrested a 24 year old man after a five hour standoff on Longhorn Circle today, Monday, February 28, 2011.

Officers met with sheriff's deputies with the Williamson County Sheriff's office just after noon on Monday, February 28, 2011, to assist them in serving a felony warrant. The deputies had information that Ernest Bess was living at 503 Longhorn Circle #D. When they attempted to make contact with the resident at apartment #D they received no answer however a short time later the deputies and officers saw movement inside the apartment and again attempted to make contact; again they received no response.

The male inside the apartment refused to come outside and barricaded himself inside the apartment. The Killeen Police Department Tactical Response Unit was deployed at 1:39pm and responded to the area of Charolais and Hereford Drives. Upon their arrival the SWAT Team surrounded the apartment 4-plex and members of the Crisis Negotiation Team attempted to speak with Bess; attempts at negotiations failed at that time. Negotiators deployed a telephone into the apartment to speak with the suspect and he again did not make contact. On two occasions Chemical Agents were deployed into the residence in an attempt to get the suspect to surrender, however he still remained inside the complex. Members of the SWAT Team entered the apartments and located and arrested Earnest Bess without incident in apartment #C.

Bess was released to the custody of the Williamson County Sheriff's Office where he faces felony charges for Motion to Revoke Probation for a Sexual Assault charge.

Charges are pending with the Killeen Police Department involving today's incident as it continues to be investigated. Information will be released as it becomes available.

A photo was unavailable with the Killeen Police Department, please contact the Williamson County Sheriff's Office for that information.

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