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PRESS RELEASE

Over the last two weeks, we have received numerous complaints reference a male having a mental health issue. He has refused to accept help from family, friends, and neighbors.

The Mental Health Recovery Board crisis therapists, Atrium Hospital, Franklin police, fire, and EMS all partnered together to work a game plan on how to help him through his issues. The team attempted several times to speak with him. He kept refusing any type of help or assistance.

Yesterday, the male made a threat towards a neighbor, which required our law enforcement response to keep the neighborhood safe. Our team spoke with him this morning in a final effort to get him to come out of his house. When he refused, the Warren County Tactical Response Team responded and attempted the same negotiations. When those negotiations failed, tear gas was deployed into the house. The male exited a bedroom window and was detained without incident.

The male was transported to the hospital for an evaluation.

We want to thank the family, friends, and neighbors who assisted us during this process. We would also like to thank the entire team for their efforts in bringing this situation to a successful conclusion.

Chief Russ Whitman