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SUSPECT, OFFICER IDENTIFIED IN ST. PAUL PARK OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING INVESTIGATION

ST. PAUL — The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) today identified the suspect shot by police following a standoff early Tuesday morning in St. Paul Park.

Nathan Adam Kluessendorf, 22, of 1049 Summit Avenue in St. Paul Park, was taken into custody on suspicion of attempted murder and assault on a police officer. Formal charges have not yet been filed.

The incident started around 1:30 a.m. Tuesday when St. Paul Park police responded to a report of a suicidal man on the railroad tracks near Pullman Ave. South and 9th Avenue South. Officers located Kluessendorf, and trailed him to the Summit Avenue home. Once inside the home, Kluessendorf armed himself with multiple firearms.

Investigators say Kluessendorf shot at officers from the St. Paul Park, Cottage Grove and Newport police departments and the Washington County Sheriff's Office as they attempted to persuade Kluessendorf to come out of the residence. The Washington County Special Response Team (SRT) was called in shortly before 3 a.m. Kluessendorf continued to fire at the officers throughout the night. At approximately 6:30 a.m. a sniper shot Kluessendorf. Kluessendorf was taken to Regions Hospital where he is currently being treated for his injuries.

Three individuals who were in the home when the standoff started left the home without incident. A fourth individual, Sandra Kay Kluessendorf, 42, also of 1049 Summit Avenue, remained inside the home during the standoff. Sandra Kluessendorf was arrested Tuesday then released pending further investigation.

BCA agents today interviewed several officers who responded to the incident about the standoff and shooting. The officer who fired his weapon is on standard administrative leave.

Officer Patrick Nickle has been a member of the Washington County Special Response Team (SRT) since 2006, serving as a marksman for the past four years. Officer Nickle has also served with the Cottage Grove Police Department for the past eight years. He is a Marine Corps veteran, including combat duty in Afghanistan, and has been in the Army Reserve for the past 17 years.

The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is leading the investigation into the officer involved shooting with assistance from the Washington County Sheriff's Office. The investigation into the assault on the police officers is being conducted by the BCA, the Washington County Sheriff's Office and the St. Paul Park Police Department.

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