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Standoff Ends Peacefully

SUFFOLK, Va. (December 28, 2008) – A 2 ½ hour standoff ended without injury when a forty-two year old Suffolk man turned himself in to police. Suffolk Police received a tip just after 4 p.m. that a wanted subject was located in the 1100 blk. of East Washington St. When police arrived in the area, they spotted Dennis L. Smith, who had two active warrants on file for probation violation. Smith upon seeing police, fled into his residence. Officers attempted to apprehend Smith, but he locked himself inside of a bedroom at that location. Police attempted to communicate with him, with no success.

The residence was cleared of other occupants. The department's **Critical Incident Response Team** was notified and responded. Suffolk Police negotiator, Sgt. Danny Buie, was able to establish dialogue with Smith via a throw phone. Smith surrendered to police at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Traffic was diverted from that section of East Washington Street during the incident.

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