Bend Man Arrested After 2 Â½ Hour Stand-Off

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A man summoned officers to his home in south Bend Monday afternoon, reporting that an armed man and woman were with him and that the woman had pointed a firearm at him. Following a 2 Â½ hour stand-off when the man was barricaded in his home, it was actually the resident who ended up being taken into custody and transported to St. Charles Medical Center-Bend for evaluation.

Responding to the residence at 20141 Lora Lane shortly before 3 pm on July 24th, Bend Police Officers quickly set up a perimeter around the home and called in the Central Oregon Emergency Response Team (CERT).

The reporting person, later identified as Thanh Nguyen -- a 36 year old Bend resident, barricaded himself inside his home. Deschutes County 9-1-1 operators attempted to maintain telephone contact with Nguyen, but he was uncooperative and disconnected the line.

According to Sgt. Paul Kansky with Bend Police, further investigation revealed that it was likely that Nguyen was alone in the residence and there was reason to doubt the truthfulness of his statements. CERT tried to convince Nguyen to come outside, and when he refused they entered the home. Nguyen was found alone, hiding, and was taken into custody without further incident about 5:25 pm.

Nguyen was transported to St. Charles Medical Center-Bend for evaluation, Kansky said, and no criminal charges have been filed at this time. Bend Oregon