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On Tuesday morning, March 11th, the Shelby Police Department had routine contact with a citizen who resides on Sunset Dr. After initial contact, the same individual called the department and requested an officer contact him at his home. The requested officer was not on duty at the time of the call and the individual asked for the officer to come to his home when he was on duty.

The Shelby Police Department received a subsequent follow-up call from a mental health provider, who indicated that the individual was in crisis, needed to go to the hospital; but that the person had armed themselves and was refusing to put the firearm away.

Shelby Police and Shelby Fire Departments responded to the residence, established a hasty perimeter including placing the Shelby City Schools Resource Officer in a position between the rear of the residential property and the schools. Shelby City Schools were locked down. Officers used a patrol loudspeaker to order the resident to come outside unarmed. Ultimately, he complied with those commands and was immediately transported to Ohio Health for treatment.

Firearms were located at the scene and were seized and placed in evidence for safekeeping. No direct threats of violence were made toward officers or others during the incident.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Lance Combs', is positioned above the typed name and title.

M. Lance Combs
Chief of Police