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IMMEDIATE USE PRESS RELEASE

UPDATED

TYPE: Arson/Felonious Assault/Destruction of Police Property

DATE OF RELEASE: April 8, 2019

DATE AND TIME REPORTED: April 7, 2019 at 1346 HRS

LOCATION: Excelsior Twp.

SUSPECT: Brian Muma 29 Y/O W/M Kalkaska Resident

VICTIM: N/A

INFORMATION: AT 1346 hours on April 7th, 2019, Kalkaska Central Dispatch received a call from a neighbor who overheard the man across the street was threatening to burn the house he rented and lived in down. Kalkaska Sheriff Deputies and Conservation Officers from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources responded to the residence in Excelsior Township, Kalkaska County.

The initial responding deputies were met by a deranged individual who became verbally aggressive towards them and was brandishing a pipe and threatening to pull the firearm he had concealed in his pocket. The male subject began throwing metal objects at the deputies, who retreated behind their patrol vehicles. One of the objects, a car jack, smashed through the windshield of one of the patrol vehicles. The deputies continued to attempt to talk to the subject who then retreated back into the residence and barricaded the door.

More law enforcement arrived on-scene and surrounded the residence. The subject then set the residence on fire from the inside, smoke and flames became visible. The subject then exited the residence still armed with a large metal object. The officer's on-scene were able to get behind the male and were able to use a Taser on him. The subject was arrested. Neither the officers nor the subject were injured. The subject was taken to the Kalkaska Memorial Health Center for mental evaluations. The subject is lodged at Kalkaska Sheriff Office jail and is awaiting arraignment.

RESPONDING AGENCIES: Kalkaska Sheriff's Office, Michigan DNR Conservation Officers, CETA, Blue Lake and Kalkaska Township Fire Department and Frederick EMS.

UPDATE: Brian Muma 29 Y/O W/M was arraigned in court today on charges of 1st Degree Arson and Malicious Destruction of Fire or Police Property. Muma is held on a \$50,000 Cash/Surety Bond.

STATUS: OPEN PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

APPROVED BY: UNDERSHERIFF DAVID L. WAGNER II