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PRESS RELEASE
Nevada Police Department

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Domestic Violence Subject taken into Custody
Nevada, Missouri

On August 18th at 5:45 pm, Nevada Police Officers were dispatched to the 300 block of E. Grand Street, with a report of an intoxicated male subject who had unlawfully entered an apartment looking for his estranged girlfriend. The reporting party believed the subject may be armed with a handgun. Police Officers had knowledge that the subject was wanted on a valid arrest warrant in regards to a previous domestic assault charge that occurred at the same residence in July 2012.

The subject unsuccessfully attempted to flee the dwelling from both exists after spotting the initial responding police. He locked himself inside the residence and refused to communicate with officers. Officer's on scene secured a perimeter around the residence and a trained police negotiator attempted to contact the subject with no response.

Police determined that the apartment tenant was in a safe location and was soon assisting police with other family members. After about two hours with no communication, Officers feared that the subject had perhaps escaped or harmed himself and the decision to enter the residence was made. Police Officers entered the residence with the permission of the tenant and searched for the suspect.

After clearing the main living area, the subject was located in a crawl space under the residence and was arrested without further incident. Police located a loaded a 9mm handgun also in the crawl space.

Arrested in this incident was a 29 year old Nevada resident:

David Celaya

Celaya was transported to the Vernon County Jail where he was held on existing warrants. Additional warrants were issued by the Vernon County Associate Court for:



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1. Unlawful Use of A Weapon – Class D Felony \$10,000 cash or surety bond
2. Trespass 1st Degree – Class B Misdemeanor and
Resisting Arrest – Class A Misdemeanor \$1,000 cash bond only

The Nevada Police Department would like to thank the members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Vernon County Sheriff's Office and the Vernon County Ambulance District for their assistance in a peaceful resolution in this incident.

Citizens are encouraged to contact the police if they have any information that would be helpful to combat crime.

For questions regarding crime prevention techniques or to start a Neighborhood Watch Program, contact the Nevada Police Department at 417- 448 – 5100.

To report criminal activities call 911 or us the Tip Hotline 417- 448 - 5117.

Any and all information will be kept confidential.

This Press Release is approved:

Chief W. Graham Burnley

Photo Attached

David V. Celaya

