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## **WESTERN STATES HOSTAGE NEGOTIATORS' ASSOCIATION**

Distinguished Service Award Nomination for Washoe County Sheriff's Office:

### **Incident Summary**

On April 26, 2023, at approximately 2230 hours, patrol units were dispatched to 5224 Eagle PI in Palomino Valley for a reported family disturbance. WCSO dispatch advised that the female reporting party identified as Corrine Engebretson, called, and stated that her husband identified as Cody Engebretson had battered her. After she separated herself from the main residence, she advised that Cody was inside the residence with their 11-month-old daughter. Corrine informed deputies that Cody had broken the back door slider and had access to a rifle inside the residence. Cody had broken her cell phone so she could not call 911, because of this she took Cody's phone when she exited the residence and called 911. Attempts were made to contact Cody from a negotiator on the PA, but Cody did not respond.

At approximately 0000 hours SWAT along with additional Hostage Negotiations Team members responded to the location. Hailing continued from a patrol vehicle. Negotiators transitioned utilized the SWAT Bear and an LRAD (Long Range Acoustics Device). At 0200 hours, after thirty minutes of not hearing the 11 month old inside, command spoke of a tactical entry. The suspect had an extensive criminal history of domestic violence, child abuse, and alcohol abuse. Due to the lack of communication, SWAT asked for the hailing to continue to mask entry of tactical operators. HNT had a CSM (Crisis System Management) cell phone system ready should Cody start calling. Hailing gave specific instructions of how to communicate with negotiators. These attempts were constant and non-stop with no success. The extensive work of negotiators and their non-responder

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work allowed SWAT to prepare, practice, and develop the safest plan in order to make entry for the best resolution in order to rescue the 11 month old juvenile.

HNT was instrumental as SWAT operators made entry with the “cover of voice” from the LRAD. Operators entered through a broken back patio door, which Cody had made during the disturbance. They did a slow systematic search into each room, unable to find the juvenile. Evidence of the violence his family was subjected to, prior to law enforcement’s response was evidence of Cody’s aggressive behavior. There were broken doors, windows, bloody holes in walls, and debris throughout the residence. At the end of the search, one room was left, the master bedroom which had a fortified door. A plan of entry was formulated, and Negotiators were told hailing needed to continue with no breaks.

At approximately 0245 hours SWAT deployed a flash-bang before making entry. Cody had covered himself and the 11 month old under blankets with a rifle concealed. At that time SWAT recovered the 11-month-old child and was able to detain Cody in the master bedroom. The less lethal 40mm was deployed and Cody was struck in the abdomen. The juvenile was not harmed in the Hostage Rescue, and Cody was arrested on a list of felony charges.

This mission was possible because of the partnership and respect of HNT and SWAT. The success of this mission was due to the continued training and work the teams put forth in each other’s expertise. Because of this work, the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office HNT should be considered for the Distinguished Service Award.

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