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**INFORMATION RELEASE**

**Family Disturbance Leads to Arrest and Seizure of Firearms**



On Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Sheriff's deputies responded to the 500 block of Phillip Street, Vallejo in reference to a family disturbance. The victim called dispatch stating the suspect, 44 year old David Gunkel, was involved in an argument and threatening to shoot the victim and any responding deputies. Patrol deputies arrived at the home and made multiple attempts to contact Gunkel. Other household members were able to exit the home safely and speak with deputies.

Members of the Solano County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team, Hostage Negotiation Team, detectives, and a canine responded to the incident. Efforts to contact Gunkel were made by loud speaker and telephone with negative response. The SWAT team entered the home after obtaining a search warrant. Deputies located Gunkel hiding in the crawl space under a neighboring home. Deputies also located and seized an altered shotgun during their search.

Gunkel was arrested without further incident and booked into the Solano County Jail for making threats, resisting a peace officer, being a felon in possession of a firearm, possession of an illegally modified shotgun, and possession of a firearm with the serial number altered.

If you have any questions regarding this press release I can be contacted at the phone numbers listed below. Any photos that are available for release will be posted on the Solano Sheriff's Office Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/solanosheriff](http://www.facebook.com/solanosheriff).

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