

# SPECIAL EDITION



One shot, one dead...

# Noblesville Standoff

By BRIAN REDDICK

At about 2:30pm Monday afternoon Noblesville police were called to the 10300 block of Cerulean Dr in the Meadows Glen subdivision to a report of a woman shot.

Neighbors indicated that the woman, Tricia Wagner, had been shot in the leg while at her mailbox. The gunman had then gone back into his residence at 10395 Cerulean Dr.

Noblesville police secured the area and made attempts to contact the gunman. “Our negotiators and patrol officers that arrived on the scene tried to establish communication with the person inside for a period of time,” said Lt. Bruce Barnes of the Noblesville Police Department.

Noblesville’s hostage negotiations team was successful in communicating with the the man barricaded in his home for about an hour. Then for reasons unknown the gunman stopped speaking with officers. Negotiators continued to make every effort to communicate with the man for a peaceful outcome.

After nearly four hours of attempting to come to a peaceful resolution, Noblesville’s ESU (emergency services unit) had to take action. Just after 6:30pm the ESU team fired tear gas into the home in an attempt to get the man to exit the residence. With no success, the team entered the home and found the gunman deceased. Police have not released the cause of his death at this time.



Reporter photo by Brian Reddick

Police are not releasing the name of the gunman and are investigating why the man shot his next door neighbor.

Police spokesperson Lt. Bruce Barnes told the Reporter that Mrs. Wagners injuries were not life threatening.

Neighbor Wayne Bradley, who had just moved into his home about a week ago, was working in his front yard at the time of the incident. He told the Reporter that he heard a woman yelling for help but never heard the actual gun shot. Bradley has lived in

Hamilton County previously and said “this isn’t normal, its a very safe community, someplace to raise a family”.

When asked if Noblesville was a safe place to live Lt. Barnes said “We don’t live in a bubble, it would be naïve to think that, but normally yes a safe place”

Noblesville Police were assisted by Westfield, Carmel and Fishers Police as well as the Noblesville Fire Department.

Representatives from the Hamilton County Prosecutors Office and the Hamilton County Coroners Office were also called to the scene. Noblesville Police expects to release more information as it becomes available.



Reporter photos by Brian Reddick

Above – Armored personnel carrier arrives with ESU (emergency services unit)



Above – Noblesville Officer Edie Keese watches the north perimeter of the scene

Below – Meadows residents join hands to pray for officers and neighbors involved in the standoff



Noblesville ESU officers take up position behind cars

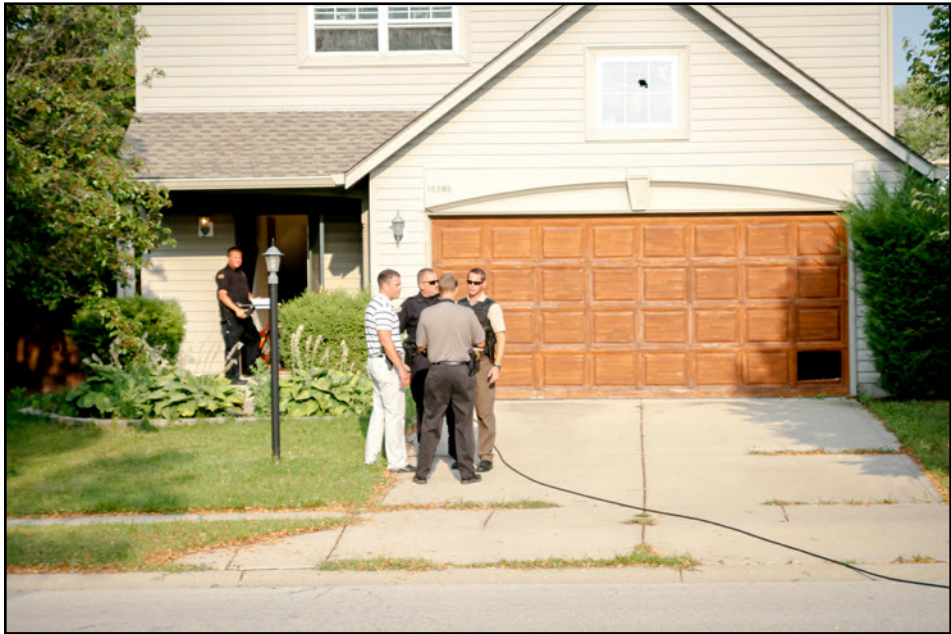


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Left - Fishers Police ESU masked up for tear gas deployment

Below - A hole in the window of the alleged gunman's house from tear gas deployment



Noblesville Detectives work outside the residence of the alleged gunman



Shooting victim, Tricia Wagner's, residence



Above - NPD's Sgt. Robert Bussalacchi dismounts from the back of the armored personnel carrier

Above Right - Crime scene tape around the shoes and displaced mail from the shooting victim

Left - Hamilton County Coroner Thurl Cecil begins his investigation

