

**Cape Coral Police Department  
1100 Cultural Park Boulevard  
Cape Coral, FL 33990**

**Date:** October 2, 2009

**Subject:** Suspect in Hostage Standoff Charged with Kidnapping and Assault

Cape Coral Police have charged David A. Stuckey (DOB: 07/06/1964) with Kidnapping, Aggravated Assault and Armed Burglary in the hostage standoff that occurred this afternoon in the southeast Cape.

At 2:47 p.m., Cape Police responded to 1511 SE 24th Avenue regarding a disturbance in progress. When police arrived, Sandra L. Bothwell, stated that her friend Betty Johns has been having problems with her ex-boyfriend, David Stuckey, who was harassing her. Johns had asked Bothwell to stay at her house, and Bothwell agreed.

Johns had left for work earlier this morning, and at about 2 p.m., Bothwell heard the sound of breaking glass coming from the garage. As she was walking toward the garage to investigate the noise she observed Stuckey trying to gain entry into the residence through a broken garage window. He was holding a silver revolver in his hand. Bothwell yelled at Stuckey to leave and attempted to block the door but was unsuccessful.

Bothwell fled to the bedroom when Stuckey entered the home and tried to lock the bedroom door. She was overpowered by Stuckey and ran into the bathroom. Stuckey approached her in the bathroom and placed the revolver to her head, threatening to kill her. He ordered her to the floor, removed shoe laces from a pair of shoes and tied her hands behind her back.

Johns returned home from work at about this time, and Stuckey pointed the gun in her face. She attempted to escape but laid down on the ground when he threatened to kill her. Johns stated that Stuckey unsuccessfully tried to bind her with a robe tie, and while he was struggling with Johns, Bothwell managed to get loose and escape through a sliding glass door. Stuckey yelled at Bothwell that he would kill Johns and himself if she left; however, she fled to the neighbor's house and called 911.

Cape Police and the Lee County Sheriff's Office quickly arrived on scene and attempted to have Stuckey exit the residence but he refused to leave. The LCSO Special Response Team surrounded the home, and at 6:26 p.m., Stuckey finally complied with law enforcement and came outside. He was taken into custody and transported to the Cape Coral Police Department for booking.

Johns was located in the residence, and while she was not injured she was extremely distraught. She told police that Stuckey had lived with her off and on, but had moved out permanently about two months ago. Johns said he had been stalking her continuously since they split up, and he was very jealous. She applied for an injunction Thursday and was fearful that he was going to do something.

During an interview with Cape Detective Kurt Grau, Stuckey said he loaded a gun with bullets and went to the residence to confront Johns. Stuckey said he intended to use the gun to force her to speak to him, and that he initially was going to kill himself and her.

Johns said Stuckey pointed the gun at her face and put it to her head several times during the incident. She said he threatened to kill her and kill himself, but she was able to calm him down by telling him that she loved him and would get back together with him.

Stuckey was charged with Kidnapping, Aggravated Assault and Armed Burglary. He was booked and transported to the Lee County Jail.

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