



Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Jeff Wiley

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Suspect in custody after 8 ½ hour standoff

Matthew Morris, 27, was taken into custody after an 8 ½ hour standoff with the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office.

APSO's Crisis Response Team, along with the U.S. Marshals, spent nearly nine hours in a standoff on Wednesday night, into Thursday morning, with Morris in a residence off Liz Road in Prairieville.

Matthew Morris was taken "peacefully" into custody and taken to the Ascension Parish Jail shortly after midnight Thursday morning.

U.S. Marshals received a crime stoppers tip early Wednesday afternoon leading deputies to the residence in Prairieville. Once deputies arrived on scene, Morris barricaded himself inside the residence after committing a robbery of a Chevron gas station in Baton Rouge early this week.

According to Lt. Col. Bobby Webre, Morris let his mother and girlfriend exit the residence before barricading himself in. His girlfriend later identified as 24-year-old Ashlyn Litty, was also wanted for the robbery of the Chevron gas station and was taken into custody and booked into the Ascension Parish Jail.

At around 10:30 p.m., deputies cut power to the residence and tear-gassed the residence trying to persuade Morris to surrender.

Right after midnight deputies made entry into the residence and Morris was taken into custody.

Morris has over 19 arrests, including multiple counts of simple burglary and armed robbery, criminal trespass, resisting an officer and aggravated battery with a dangerous weapon, drug charges, and firearm by convicted felon.

In 2008, Morris, was charged for a simple burglary that occurred in Baton Rouge and pled guilty in February 2010 and was sentenced to three years in state prison.

Morris was also involved in a similar standoff in October 2015 in Fort Wayne, Indiana.