



# **CITY OF MOUNT VERNON**

## **Mount Vernon Police Department**

Office of the Chief of Police  
5 North Gay Street  
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Press release

On October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at approximately 6:00 pm, patrol officers from the Mount Vernon Police Department responded to a reported domestic violence incident. The incident occurred at a single-family residence located in the 100 block of North Division Street.

Upon their arrival, officers located a single adult female victim outside of the residence. Based on the information provided by the victim, including statements that the suspect brandished a firearm and threatened to kill the victim, a warrant was issued for the arrest of the suspect, Calvin P. Canter, 33, for Domestic Violence.

When officers approached the residence to effect the arrest of Canter, the incident quickly escalated to an armed standoff with the barricaded suspect.

At this time the Mount Vernon Police Department Emergency Services Unit (ESU) was activated and responded to the scene. Mount Vernon ESU was also assisted by members of the Knox County Sheriff's Office Tactical Response Unit (TRU) Team and several deputies. Detectives from the Police Department were also called to the location.

During the standoff, officers attempted numerous times to peacefully resolve the situation. However, the suspect fired several gunshots and made multiple comments, including threats directly towards the officers present. He repeatedly indicated that he would not surrender. After the approximately seven-hour standoff, the suspect was found to have barricaded himself in the attic space of the home, where he committed suicide via a single gunshot.

This incident is still under investigation by Mount Vernon Police Department Detective Division and the Knox County Coroner's Office.

In accordance with the provisions of Ohio's Marsy's Law, the victim's identification will not be released at this time.

Robert K. Morgan  
Chief of Police