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Man Shoots, Kills Himself After Standoff

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A Sitka man killed himself Saturday night after Sitka police, friends and family tried for two hours to persuade him not to harm himself.

Kelly P. Lundy, 58, was declared dead at 9:44 p.m. Saturday after shooting himself with a shotgun, said Lt. Barry Allen, who was at the scene.

Police received a 911 cell phone call at 7:32 p.m. Saturday from a residence where a man could be heard yelling and a woman could be heard asking him to put down a firearm, Allen said. The police dispatcher called the land line of the residence, and talked to Lundy about allowing his wife to leave.

Lundy never threatened the woman, who was allowed to leave without incident, police said. Police said Lundy had been drinking, and was threatening to kill himself, but officers said, "It is not clearly known what had upset him this evening."

"Officers and a family friend were on scene for over two hours attempting to talk the subject into leaving the residence and seeking help," police said in a news release. "Mr. Lundy initially agreed, and dropped the first weapon (a handgun) he had, but recovered another firearm, went out onto the back deck and within minutes shot himself. Officers gained entry into the residence at that time. Mr. Lundy was declared dead on scene."

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