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SWAT standoff with domestic violence suspect ends with suicide

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A SWAT standoff with a domestic violence suspect ended after the man shot and killed himself late Wednesday inside his Gwinnett County home, police said.

So far, police have not released the name of the man or his victim, who they said was his estranged wife.

Around 6:20 p.m., officers responded to the 600 block of Swans Landing Drive in Dacula regarding a domestic dispute, according to Gwinnett County police.

The armed man had threatened his estranged wife while their children were in the home, police spokesman Cpl. Edwin Ritter said.

By the time officers arrived, the armed man had barricaded himself inside the house, Cpl. Ritter said.

An hour later, officials called in the SWAT team, he said.

Location: 600 Swans Landing Drive, Dacula, GA

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For three and a half hours, police attempted to convince the man to surrender peacefully, the corporal said.

Then they heard a shot fired.

"The suspect was found inside a closet of an upstairs bedroom dead from an apparent gunshot wound," Cpl. Ritter said.

The woman was not injured during the dispute and neither she nor the three children were in the home at the time of the shooting, police said.

It was unclear how many children were inside the home or their ages.

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