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## SEAL BEACH OFFICERS RESPOND TO MAN WITH A GUN

Seal Beach, CA – The Seal Beach Police Department responded to a call of a man with a gun in his backyard. The man suffered a self-inflicted gunshot wound and later passed away at a local hospital.

On Monday, April 11, 2022, at about 11:58 am, the Seal Beach Police Department received a call of a man with a gun in the backyard of a residence located in the 4400-block of Elder Avenue. Officers attempted to speak with the man and provide aid; however, he refused to put down the gun and meet with officers. This continued for several hours into the night and next morning.

On Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at about 7:05 am, Seal Beach officers on scene heard a single gunshot come from the backyard area of the residence. An unmanned aircraft system (drone) was deployed, and officers could see the man still in the backyard, seemingly uninjured. With the assistance of the Cypress, Los Alamitos, Fountain Valley, and Westminster Police Departments, officers re-established communications with the man to negotiate a peaceful surrender.

At approximately 1:38 pm, officers heard another gunshot coming from the backyard. Officers then entered the backyard and discovered the man was suffering from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Officers immediately began lifesaving efforts, and the man was transported to a local hospital for treatment, where he later passed away.

Currently there is no threat to the public. Anyone with additional information is encouraged to contact Detective Sergeant Chris Hendrix at (562) 799-4100 ext. 1112 or [chendrix@sealbeachca.gov](mailto:chendrix@sealbeachca.gov).

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