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REFERENCE: Felonious Assault near 9th/College

At approximately 8:35 pm this evening, Holland police officers received information that a named individual had made threats to his ex girlfriend who currently resides in Wyoming, MI and the suspect had also threatened other former acquaintances earlier in the day via cell phone. Family members of the suspect, who resides in Holland, also notified police and were concerned over suicidal comments made previously as well and police began to check area for the suspect and vehicle.

A family member of the suspect located the suspect's unoccupied vehicle in a parking lot near 9th/College. As police were investigating the vehicle the suspect approached officers and brandished a handgun as he fled on foot. The suspect did point the gun directly at officers during a brief foot pursuit which ended with the suspect being cornered. Officers began negotiating with him and after approximately 20 minutes the suspect did surrender and he was taken into custody.

The suspect is a 55 year old white male who resides in Holland. Police are still investigating this incident and the circumstances that led up to the encounter with police. The suspect is currently being held on charges of Felonious Assault for threatening officers with a handgun.

During this encounter several streets were blocked off by police as they attempted to contain the suspect from fleeing. Roads at 8th, 9th Street and College were blocked for approximately 45 minutes while the incident was being handled by police.

Anyone who has information about this case is urged to contact the Holland Department of Public Safety at (616) 355-1100 or the detectives at 355-1150. Persons also may email investigators at policetips@cityofholland.com. For persons wishing to remain anonymous they may call Silent Observer at 1-877-887-4536 or they may visit the SO website at <http://mosotips.com> to submit an e-tip.

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