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An armored vehicle approaches the scene where a Stearns County deputy was shot with an arrow Thursday in Sauk Centre. A suspect was taken into custody after a two-hour standoff.

## Suspect in custody after deputy shot with arrow in arm

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SAUK CENTRE — Law enforcement took a suspect into custody about 1 p.m. Thursday, ending a 2-hour standoff that ensued after a Stearns County deputy was shot by an arrow.

Deputy Paul Orvis was shot at the scene, according to Sheriff Don Gudmundson at a Thursday afternoon press conference at the Stearns County Administration Center in St. Cloud. Orvis is in surgery to remove the target arrow, which went straight through his left forearm, and is reported as being in good condition and also being treated for a possible broken arm.

Deputy Orvis has been with the Stearns County Sheriff's Department for 17 years.

The sheriff's office will not release the name of the suspect, described as a 31-year-old male, until charges are filed.

The suspect, Gudmundson reported, stole a car from Osakis and drove it to Sauk Centre through several yards, a gazebo and eventually into the garage of a random home where the standoff was set. Gudmundson said the suspect's weapon — a compound bow — belonged to the homeowner and is believed to have been found in the garage.

The incident began just before 11 a.m. Thursday. In pursuit of the suspect, the sheriff described law enforcement as being "always just behind him."

The suspect fired the compound bow at Orvis from the top of the stairs on the second floor of the home while officers and negotiators talked to him, Gudmundson said. Several law enforcement officers then fired their weapons. The sheriff said the suspect sustained gunshot wounds in the "shoulder, buttocks, and a graze wound on his hand."

As of about noon, officers had evacuated the immediate neighborhood for "several blocks" and set up a perimeter. Sauk Centre schools were also placed on lockdown which was not lifted until after the suspect was in custody at about 1 p.m.

Gudmundson said "after two hours of negotiation, the suspect appeared at the top floor and was tasered by officers and taken into custody." He was then taken to Sauk Centre hospital, then to St. Cloud Hospital by Life Link helicopter to be treated for his wounds.

Benton and Stearns County sheriff's deputies were on scene, as well as the Sauk Centre Fire De-



Law enforcement officers surround a house in Sauk Centre where a Stearns County deputy was shot with an arrow Thursday. PHOTOS BY DAVE SCHWARZ, DSCHWARZ@STCLOUDTIMES.COM



Brandon Schindler and Katelynn Cheadle answer questions from television reporters near the scene where a Stearns County deputy was shot.

partment and an armored vehicle. The release said SWAT, Sauk Centre police, Melrose police, Osakis police, Minnesota State Patrol troopers, DNR officers and BCA agents were also at the scene.

One resident, Ryan Ebnet, 35, said he believed the incident was happening only four or five houses down from his.

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## City denies selling land to Costco under value

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ST. CLOUD — The city of St. Cloud is denying it sold part of Heritage Park to Costco for less than market value and is asking the court to dismiss a complaint against the city.

Lawyers for the city, of Bloomington-based Iverson Reuvers Condon, filed a response Wednesday in the Seventh Judicial District to a complaint filed against the city in August.

The complaint was filed by Citizens for Government Accountability, which describes itself in the complaint as a nonprofit unincorporated association organized "for the purpose of monitoring government actions and pursuing appropriate remedies under law where the government has acted improperly."

The complaint claims the sale was a violation of Minnesota's subsidy law because the land was sold for less than fair market value. The complaint contends amount of the subsidy is at least \$6 million.

Costco Wholesale purchased about 19 acres of Heritage Park for \$3.53 million. The city and Costco closed on the deal on July 27.

In the response and counterclaim filed Wednesday, the city denies the allegations and states "it sold the property for fair market value and there was no business subsidy."

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