

Police Standoff With Gunman Ends

Police found the gunman in the basement with a handgun to his throat.

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Chief Carmen Pettine told the press on Saturday evening that a standoff with an alleged gunman ended in the basement of the home on 71 Hillcrest Ave., Havertown.

At 2:37 p.m. Saturday, the police received a report of a domestic situation, when a minute later police met with a mother outside of her home who said that her 38-year-old son allegedly choked her, Pettine said. The woman was with a 10-year-old boy.

Police went to the doorway of the home and was met with the subject who had a handgun, where he retreated back into the house, explained Pettine. The police then evacuated neighbors and the SWAT team was called in. Officers tried to speak with the man, who Pettine identified as Charles Mobley, but he refused to answer.

“We introduced gas and the SWAT team went in and apprehended him. He was hiding in the basement,” he said. “Police found him in the basement under the stairwell with the handgun to his throat.”

Deputy Police Chief John Viola said that an officer injured his hand when he grabbed the gun from Mobley. Mobley pulled the trigger and the officer put his hand on the hammer of the gun to prevent it from going off, Viola said.

Mobley has had past incidents with the police, Pettine said.

Many residents on the street called the police heroes for their actions.

Pettine said that Marple and Radnor police were also on the scene.