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Man Airlifted After SWAT Standoff

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A 41-year-old man remains hospitalized with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the chest Tuesday after a 6-hour standoff with law-enforcement Saturday.

On Saturday, Aug. 29, 2009, at 4:51 a.m., La Porte Police Officers were notified of a possible hostage situation at a private residence in the 9800 block of Rocky Hollow in La Porte.

A woman who lives at the address advised police that her estranged husband had forcibly entered the residence during the night and waited for her and her son to return home.

On their return, the suspect held his estranged wife and their 12-year-old son at gunpoint throughout the night.

At one point, he released the woman, who then notified police, but he kept the boy hostage.

According to LPPD officials, La Porte SWAT team members arrived on scene due to the hostage situation and ultimately requested additional resources from both the Baytown and Pasadena Police SWAT teams. Pasadena SWAT also provided the services of a hostage negotiator, and negotiations continued most of the morning.

After the 12-year-old boy was released from the residence unharmed, and as negotiations were continuing, the suspect suffered a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

SWAT teams then entered the residence and had the suspect transported to Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston via medical helicopter.

The suspect, Darrin Krivoshia, 41, has been charged with aggravated kidnapping.

Officer Lia Merryman was the initial investigating officer and Detective David Huckabee is the assigned detective to the case.