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Incident Location: 700 block Sunny Lane

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METRO SWAT OPERATION - BARRICADED SUBJECT

On May 8, 2024, at approximately 4 a.m., Urbana police officers responded to a call about a possible hostage situation in the 700 block of Sunny Lane. Officers arrived and were ultimately able to make contact with a female who had reported the incident. Officers were able to secure her safety and isolate the involved residence.

METRO SWAT is currently conducting tactical operations to locate the other party, who is believed to be armed. As a result of this SWAT operation, all pedestrian and vehicular traffic is being limited in the area of the 500, 600, and 700 blocks of Sunny Lane. If any persons need to exit this area, please contact METCAD 9-1-1 at 217-333-8911. They will arrange for a patrol officer to come and escort people out of the area.

No further information will be released at this time.

Urbana Police ask that anyone who has additional information please call 217-384-2320. Arrangements can be made for information to be shared privately. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous may also submit tips to Crime Stoppers by phone at 217-373-TIPS (217-373-8477); online at 373tips.com; or the "P3 Tips" mobile app.

Community members are reminded that information submitted to Crime Stoppers is completely anonymous. Calls are routed a to third-party national call center that receives your information, completes a tip information form, and then passes the information to the appropriate law enforcement agency. Caller ID tracking is not utilized by Crime Stoppers, and conversations are not recorded.

Crime Stoppers will pay cash rewards of \$5,000 for tips that lead to an arrest in any homicide case, \$2,500 for tips leading to an arrest in a felony crime involving a firearm, and up to \$1,000 for tips leading to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for any other crime.

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