



# SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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## SALEM POLICE RESOLVE GARST ST. INCIDENT PEACEFULLY

On Thursday, March 24, at approximately 12:09 p.m., the Salem Police Department responded to the 1500 block of Garst St. to serve a resident with an Emergency Custody Order, a civil mental health order.

When officers attempted to make contact with the individual, he refused their commands to open the door to the residence. Officers received information that the individual may have been in possession of weapons, so the department's Emergency Response Team (ERT) was activated.

After negotiating with the individual, he was taken into custody without further incident at approximately 2:30 p.m. and transported to a local hospital for evaluation and treatment. The individual is a 30-year-old male who is not being identified. No criminal charges have been placed at this time.

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