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PRESS RELEASE

On Sunday May 31, 2020 Gilmanton Police Officers were dispatched to the area of 139 Lakeshore Drive for a report of a male subject shooting at kids. The male subject was later identified as 34-year-old Brenton Johnson.

Gilmanton Officers arrived on scene and shortly thereafter Belmont Police arrived to assist. Officers instructed all residents to return to their homes and clear the roadway. While this was happening, shots were again fired from 139 Lakeshore Drive. Officers were unable to proceed closer to the house due to gunfire.

Belknap County Special Operations group were called to the scene to assist. When BSOG arrived on scene their armored vehicle was immediately fired upon by Johnson. Tear gas was deployed to try to get Johnson to come out of the house and surrender but had no effect.

Strafford County SWAT, Central NH SWAT, NH State Police Air Unit, Gilmanton Fire Department and dozens of Police agencies from around the state arrived to assist in the 7-hour operation. Shortly after 10 PM the NH State Police Bomb robot was able to make entry into the home and confirm that Brenton Johnson was deceased as a result of a self inflicted gunshot wound. No civilians or Police Officers were injured during this event.

Chief Matthew Currier