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One arrested following five-hour stand-off

PIERPONT TOWNSHIP – A 51-year-old Pierpont Township man was arrested Thursday morning after firing several shots into a neighbor's home.

The Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center received a 911 call at approximately 3:30 a.m. The neighbor reported several shots were fired into his State Route 167 home with one striking a phone on a bedside table.

ACSO deputies responded the 5500 block of State Route 167 where the suspect fired off several more rounds while deputies were taking the report. Deputies attempted to contact the suspect; however, he refused to come out of his home or communicate.

The Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office Entry Team and the Lake Ashtabula Geauga Regional SWAT Team were both activated. The neighboring homes were evacuated and Buckeye Local School District was notified so they could alter the bus routes.

The suspect remained in the home for approximately five hours before surrendering. He was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Ashtabula County Jail where he was booked in on a felony charge of improperly discharging a firearm at or into a habitation.

Jefferson Police Department, the Ohio State Highway Patrol and Pierpont Township Fire Department also assisted. Detectives remain on the scene to continue their investigation which will include a search of the home. The investigation is ongoing. No further information is being released at this time.

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