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## Lincolville standoff ends peacefully

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**NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C.** – Deputies from the Charleston County Sheriff's Office responded before 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, 2022, to 261 Pickens St. in Lincolville to conduct a welfare check. A man at the location had called law enforcement, prompting deputies to check on the well-being of the man and anyone else at the location.

At the home, deputies spoke with the man through a door and later by phone, but he refused to come out. When he eventually emerged, he was carrying various types of firearms.

CCSO's SWAT and crisis negotiation teams, along with Mobile Crisis, responded and communicated with the man by phone and loudspeaker. Deputies confirmed the presence of a 3-year-old girl inside the home. Several times throughout the evening, the man came out with a firearm before retreating inside. He made threats to shoot law enforcement officers. At one point, he fired a gunshot behind the home toward SWAT deputies, though no one was struck.

The standoff lasted about 12 hours until Wednesday morning. Two flash bangs were used outside the home. After further negotiations, the man released the child to SWAT deputies. She was not injured. He then surrendered peacefully. Ricardo Cole Ray, 28, was booked at the Detention Center and will face charges of unlawful conduct toward a child and first-degree assault and battery. The charges are related to the discharge of a firearm near the child and the deputies, respectively. He is expected to have a bond hearing Thursday.

The incident report is available upon request to [aknapp@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:aknapp@charlestoncounty.org).

Charge information and booking photos of Detention Center residents can be found via the online search function at <https://inmatesearch.charlestoncounty.org/>. To include those who have been released, make sure the "show past bookings" box is checked.

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