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CCSO arrests man wanted for kidnapping and criminal sexual conduct

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NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – The Charleston County Sheriff's Office, with the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Task Force, arrested Andrew Robert Mettal, 27, on Mauss Hill Road in Hollywood, on the evening of Friday, Feb. 9, 2024. He faces charges related to kidnapping and criminal sexual conduct.

Deputies from the Charleston County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division, K-9 Unit, Warrants Unit, and the U.S. Marshals Service served a felony warrant for Mettal just before noon Friday. Upon arrival, agents worked to communicate with Mettal, but he proceeded to barricade himself in the residence. Around 2:45 p.m., the Charleston County Sheriff's Office SWAT, Crisis Negotiation Team, and Unmanned Aircraft Systems were called to the scene. After hours of refusing to respond to repeated calls, texts, and audible hails from authorities, deputies fired chemical irritants into the home around 5:30 p.m. Mettal remained barricaded inside. K-9 Rex was deployed into the residence and was able to narrow down the search area to the attic. Mettal was later found inside one of the walls. Ultimately, he had to be physically removed from the residence just before 7 p.m.

Mettal is charged with one count of kidnapping and one count of Criminal Sexual Conduct in the 1st degree. This is an ongoing investigation.

Mettal was booked Friday and will have a bond hearing Saturday morning. He is currently being held in the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center. Booking photos can be found online at <https://inmatesearch.charlestoncounty.org/>.

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