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## Homeowner Holds Suspect at Gun Point During Burglary

Last night, just before 11:00 p.m., the Leon County Sheriff's Office and the Tallahassee Police Department responded to a residence in the 100 block of Lawndale Road regarding a burglary in progress. The initial caller stated the suspect was banging on the door and screaming into the residence. The suspect eventually broke a window and entered the residence. The suspect, now holding a lamp, was confronted by a male resident, who was armed, telling him to leave the residence. The suspect stated he was being "chased by a bear", and did not leave. He was then held at gun point by the resident until law enforcement arrived.

Officers from the Tallahassee Police Department arrived on scene first and engaged the suspect. The suspect advanced toward the officers, raising the lamp in position to hit the officer with it. The officer used his taser in an effort to restrain the suspect. The suspect continued to struggle with the officers and a taser was deployed a second time. At this point, the officers were able to gain control of the suspect and handcuff him. When deputies arrived on scene the suspect had been handcuffed and was lying on the ground outside.

The request for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) was made, due to the taser deployment. At this point the suspect began to show signs of excited delirium. While being treated by EMS, his condition began to decline. Eventually the suspect lost consciousness and EMS began CPR.

The suspect was transported to a local medical facility in critical condition.

The Leon County Sheriff's Office is conducting the investigation into the incident.



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