

## **School Buses Being Detoured This Morning as Hoquiam Standoff Continues**

### **Local News**

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Hoquiam, WA- The standoff continues in Hoquiam after a officer was shot yesterday morning while trying to arrest a man who has since barackaded himself in the second story of a home in the 2800 block of Aberdeen Avenue.

I spoke personally with the officer involved before he was transported to Community Hospital, his injuries appeared minor.

Following that shooting, the suspect barricaded himself inside in the second-story part of the home. Police later secured the bottom floor.

Police have not had verbal contact with the man since 4 hours into the standoff, when he fired several shots at the State Patrol's SWAT vehicle after members fired tear gas into the home.

Hoquiam Sergeant Brian Dayton has since confirmed that he has a gas mask and a Kevlar helmet in his possession. Dayton said he is still active, and refusing to communicate this morning, and has placed a mattress in front of one window.

Officers from multiple agencies around Western Washington evacuated neighboring homes and are still on scene assisting. Including, the Critical Incident Team which consists of officers from Mason, Thurston, Lewis, and Pacific counties, as well as State Patrol.

There is still a traffic diversion from the Simpson Avenue Bridge to the port industrial route past 22nd street, with 27th to 29th street still closed.

The police department is in contact with the Hoquiam school district, to figure out how to accommodate a temporary new school bus route for the surrounding area. Pick up and drop off locations have yet to be announced.

We will have more details as they become available to us.