

## **Hoquiam Standoff Ends in Suspect Shooting**

### **Local News**

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HOQUIAM, Wash. - State route 101 in Hoquiam is open again after an overnight detour around a standoff that ended when the suspect was shot dead this morning in the 2800 block of Aberdeen Avenue. Chief Criminal Deputy Steve Shumate with the Grays Harbor County Sheriff's department said at a press conference this morning "The SWAT members who were involved are going to be interviewed. At this point we do know he was at the front door of the residence, armed with a firearm. We know that he had already fired upon the officers, so after a number of commands for him to drop the weapon, SWAT members had to discharge their firearms. The SWAT team had been firing stun grenades into the home overnight, however Sergeant Brian Dayton with the Hoquiam Police Department said investigators do not yet know what started the fire that forced the man out. Hoquiam Sergeant Jeff Salstrom was involved in the shooting has since been released from the hospital and is on paid administrative leave, his Chief Jeff Myers said earlier "I had an opportunity to visit with him and his family this morning, he is doing well. He did suffer some injuries as a result of this incident so we are very thankful that he is OK." Salstrom suffered minor injuries from two gunshots sustained during the initial confrontation. Shumate said that detectives are now trying to positively identify the suspect who provided a false identification before the standoff. "He had a valid Washington State driver's license with a different name [that] at this point we do not believe to be him other than the picture. Myers said morning that the investigation will be turned over to the regional Critical Incident Investigation team. "There are many scenes, and many situations that have occurred, inclusive of the fire now and making sure that the building is secure so that they [investigators] can go in and do their job. The standoff began just after 11 yesterday morning after Salstrom was shot while trying to arrest the man.