

# Mason City Police Department

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## PRESS RELEASE

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On April 11, 2019 at about 6:03 PM Mason City Police were dispatched to 5 North Federal on a report of a disturbance. Officers arrived and were met by a female victim who was taken to the Police Department for follow up. A male, later identified as Mark Edward Torres, age 44, of Mason City remained in the apartment and refused to exit the apartment. Torres told police he was armed with a firearm and threatened to use the firearm. Officers stood by the apartment and parts of the multi-level apartment building were evacuated. Officers communicated with Torres for approximately 3 hours attempting to negotiate a peaceful surrender. At approximately 9:03 PM, Torres finally exited the apartment and was taken into custody. Torres was taken to the hospital for evaluation.

A search warrant was conducted at the residence following the incident. The investigation is still open and charges are pending. The victim has minor injuries from an altercation that occurred before police were called. The Mason City Police were assisted by Mason City Fire and the Cerro Gordo County Sheriffs Office.

"AN ARREST WITHOUT DISPOSITION IS NOT AN INDICATION OF GUILT"

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