



# Auburn Police Department



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## **CENTER ST. STANDOFF ENDS PEACEFULLY**

At approximately 11:16am, officers were dispatched to the parking lot of Wal-Mart, 100 Mount Auburn Avenue for a report of a man who had snatched a purse from a 68 year old lady.

It was initially reported that the suspect displayed a gun and took off on foot towards B.J.'s Wholesale Club where he got into a silver jeep and drove away.

Officer Andrew Shute located the jeep in the parking lot of Shaw's and established communication with the suspect who refused to exit the vehicle.

Officers developed additional information that the man was suicidal and armed with a handgun. Officers set up a secure perimeter and evacuated the Auburn Mall and Shaw's Plaza. Center St. was closed for approximately three hours.

The Maine State Police Tactical Team and Crisis Negotiation Team responded to assist Auburn Police with the incident.

At approximately 3:36 p.m. the suspect agreed to surrender and was taken into custody without incident. 45 y/o Randolph Nutter of Mechanic Falls was charged with Theft and Creating a Police Standoff. Nutter was transported to the Androscoggin County Jail and bail was set at \$500.00. At this time, Nutter's mugshot is unavailable.

An Airsoft handgun was seized from Nutter's vehicle.

There were no injuries in this incident.