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Individual Safely Taken Into Custody for Medical Evaluation After Multi-Hour Stand-off at State Capitol

Olympia, WA – Earlier today, after over 2 ½ hours of negotiations in front of the state capitol building, the Washington State Patrol (WSP) Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team was able to safely resolve a threat of self-harm by an individual experiencing an emotional crisis.

Shortly before noon, an individual parked in the flag circle in front of the Legislative Building and indicated they intended to set themselves ablaze in their vehicle. WSP, DES Capitol Security, and the Olympia Fire Department quickly responded bringing in negotiators and other resources to address the situation.

At approximately 2:30, after the individual indicated imminent action, WSP SWAT team members breached the vehicle with a fire dampening solution to stop any fire or explosion. The individual immediately exited the vehicle and was safely taken into custody and transported for medical evaluation. No charges have been filed at this point.

The area has been re-opened to the public and the Washington State Patrol and Capitol Security Services appreciate the patience and calm of the public and state workers in the area during this incident.

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