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ROCHESTER HILLS

STANDOFF ENDS IN SURRENDER

Arrest warrant sparks confrontation

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A 21-year-old man is behind bars after he barricaded himself in his Rochester Hills home when deputies showed up Thursday morning to arrest him for violating his probation.

The man had guns with him, but no shots were fired and no one was injured. The man's name has not been released. According to Lt. Ray White of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, deputies from the warrants division went to the house in the 2500 block of Weaverton, in the area of Auburn and John R roads, just after 9:30 a.m. with a warrant for his arrest.

Sheriff's Office Capt. Robert Smith said the man had violated his probation for a misdemeanor disorderly person charge.

The man's mother answered the door, but he locked himself in his bedroom. Deputies worried that the man could be a threat to himself or others. The man told his mother that he would kill deputies. Smith said they heard the sound of a racking shotgun after he went into his bedroom.

Shelby Township police notified deputies that the man had threatened in October to shoot a police officer rather than be taken into custody relating to a domestic incident.

A deputy negotiated with the man via phone. He surrendered more than an hour later, at about 11 a.m.

It's the "best resolution we could have hoped for," said Smith, commander of the Sheriff's Office substation in Rochester Hills.

The man is expected to face additional felony charges. It's unclear why he behaved the way he did, officials said.

"His mother told me he was depressed because he couldn't find work," White said. "Other than that, it's kind of strange, because the family tells me has never had any mental health issues. He doesn't drink. ...

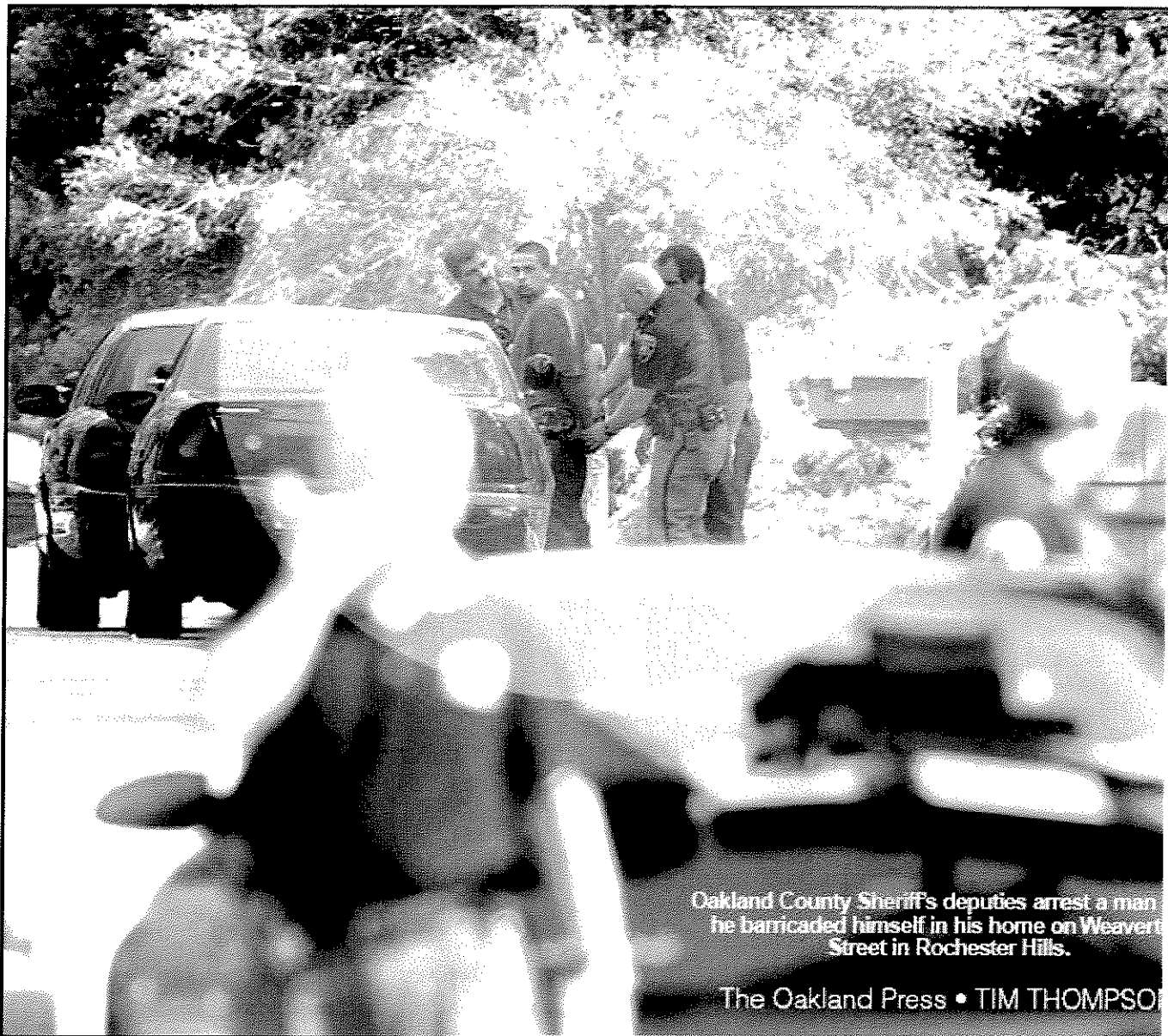
"He's kicking up the stakes so unnecessarily. These charges he's facing are so minor, and he's turned it into something serious."

Deputies said they found a shotgun, a .22-caliber rifle and a paintball gun in his bedroom. Smith said there was evidence he had been smoking marijuana.

The intersection of Weaverton and Clovelly was blocked to through traffic during the incident. Neighbors nearby were asked to stay inside. People living in the area gathered on Weaverton to watch the action.

Antioanne Murphy, 33, first saw a crowd of patrol cars when he went outside to cut the grass. He said the neighborhood is normally quiet and peaceful.

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