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## CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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After a three hour standoff at the Caldwell Walmart Neighborhood Market (622 East Ustick Road), Caldwell Police were able to peacefully arrest an armed man wanted in connection to an earlier crime.

The incident began today at 1:20 p.m., when Caldwell officers responded to a dispute, between two parties known to each other, in the 4900 block of Pioneer Avenue. Officers arrived but the suspect had already left after vandalizing the home. Officers immediately canvassed the area but did not locate the suspect. Information received from the reporting party indicated that the suspect was 34-year-old Cody Burnett, a felon, armed with at least one handgun.

At 2 p.m., an employee at the Walmart, called to report a suspicious man in the restroom who would not come out. Police responded and recognized the man as Burnett, the suspect from the earlier dispute call. Officers immediately devised an evacuation plan to keep customers and employees safe. A crisis negotiation team made up of members of the Caldwell Police, Nampa Police and the Ada County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene. After a lengthy negotiation, Burnett agreed to surrender and officers arrested him without incident at 5:00 p.m. Burnett is facing felon in possession of a firearm and malicious injury to property charges.

We thank our partners from the Nampa Police Department, Canyon County Sheriff's Office and Ada County Sheriff's Office for the assistance they provided during this incident. We also want to thank Pioneer Federal Credit Union for their help with providing shelter during the crisis. We appreciate the employees at Walmart who were quick to notice something was wrong and called us. This information was crucial to keep employees, customers, and the community safe. In addition, we thank the community for their patience as we worked to resolve this incident peacefully.

"I am very proud of the swift, professional response that directly led to the safe apprehension of this violent suspect surrendering without incident. It is incidents like this that solidify the professionalism our officers display on a daily basis," said Rex Ingram, Caldwell Chief of Police.

*All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.*