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Standoff near Talkeetna Ends Peacefully

(TALKEETNA, Alaska) – After an all-night standoff the Alaska State Troopers took 52-year old Debbie M. Cardwell into custody. Cardwell is facing two counts of Assault in the Second degree.

At approximately 11:00 last night, troopers received a call from a family member of Cardwell reporting that a shot was fired and a welfare check was needed at a residence near mile 87 of the Parks Highway. Troopers responded to the scene and while making contact with the family member outside of Cardwell's residence several shots were fired. One bullet broke a window out of a marked AST patrol vehicle.

Following the gun shots, the Southcentral Special Emergency Reaction Team was activated and deployed to the scene. The Anchorage Police Department assisted by deploying two of its officers and its tactical vehicle. AST Negotiators were assisting from the Mat-Com dispatch center and had contact with Cardwell via telephone. Dispatchers employed by the Wasilla Police Department also assisted in the negotiations with Cardwell.

Negotiations with Cardwell lasted through the night. This morning at approximately 8:50, troopers got Cardwell to come out of the residence. She was unarmed when she exited the home and was taken into custody without incident. Cardwell was examined by Mat-Su Borough medics. She will be transported to Mat-Su Pretrial Facility.

No law enforcement officers were injured during this incident. ABI will handle the investigation. No further information is available at this time.