



## Office of Ross County Sheriff

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## News Release

07/31/2014

**Sheriff Lavender reports that at approximately 2:00 p.m. today his office along with the U.S. 23 Task Force and the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (B.C.I.) were conducting Marijuana Eradication in Ross County.**

**B.C.I. helicopter spotters observed marijuana plants growing on the property at 502 Chester Hill Road. Investigators went to the residence to question the owner about the Marijuana. The owner 59 year old David Rutter answered the door with a firearm. Officers at this time took cover and began talking with Mr. Rutter to get him out of the residence.**

**The Ross County Sheriff's Office and The Chillicothe Police Department's Emergency Response Team's along with Hostage Negotiators from both agencies arrived at the scene. Hostage Negotiators established communication with him and tried to get him out of the residence. Mr. Rutter was displaying very erratic behavior would not comply with any orders. During the barricade situation Mr. Rutter fired at officers who returned fire.**

**A short time later communication was re-established with Mr. Rutter. Negotiators were able to talk Mr. Rutter out of the residence and to surrender.**

**Mr. Rutter appeared to have a gunshot wound to one arm. He was treated by Emergency Response Team Medics and Huntington Township Squad.**

**Mr. Rutter was transported to O.S.U. by Med-Flight for the treatment of his injuries where he remains at this time.**

**Due to the nature of this incident the investigation will be handled by the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation.**

**Further details will be released as they become available.**

**Sheriff Lavender wants to thank all of the law enforcement partners at the scene including the State Highway Patrol for providing necessary public safety services and the scene.**