

Man in custody after 3-hour north Seattle standoff

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SEATTLE – Police say a domestic dispute sparked a three-hour standoff Thursday morning at a north Seattle home.

Officers say a man was barricaded inside the home with his two teenage sons, ages 11 and 13, in the 9000 block of Fourth Avenue Northwest.

They responded to the call at roughly 10 a.m. after the man's wife had left the house with an older teenage son and called police.

Police were told the man had doused himself and the home with gasoline, but stories were conflicting. In the end they only found gasoline on the man's clothing.

"He poured it on himself, and there were also indications that she poured it on him," said Mark Jamieson, Seattle Police spokesperson.

The incident initiated a massive response, with police, a SWAT team and the Seattle Fire department on the scene.

Officers cornered off a two-block long section of Fourth Avenue Northwest, near N.W. 92nd.



A SWAT team was called to the scene of a standoff with a man who was holed up inside a north Seattle home with two teenagers on Thursday, May 29.

SWAT officers had large fire extinguishers at the ready for what was feared could have been a fire.

The man surrendered at roughly 1 p.m. He told police he had a medical issue and was taken to Harborview Medical Center.

Police say the man had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant, and may also face charges for violating a domestic no contact order.