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ISPD De-escalates Situation, Suspect Armed with a Machete Who Briefly Took Hostages

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On October 12th, 2022, at approximately 11:06 a.m., ISPD officers responded to the Idaho Springs Motel (2631 Colorado Blvd.) to a report of an unwanted party that would not leave a motel room. Officers were initially contacted by the person who had paid for the room and said there was an unwanted male party in the motel room who would not leave. Officers were told the suspect had brandished a machete (katana) style weapon when the rightful room occupant had asked the suspect to leave. The officers went to the motel room and contacted the suspect, 31-year-old Jeremy Taylor, from Maine.

Taylor was armed with a machete type weapon inside of a sheath, hanging from their waist. Taylor was given verbal commands by the ISPD officers to come out of the motel room and keep their hands away from the weapon. Taylor continually placed their hand on the handle of the weapon and refused to comply with the officer's verbal commands. There were two females inside the motel room, one female was Taylor's partner, the other female was another guest. Taylor moved in front of the two females and physically moved them towards the bathroom. ISPD officers attempted to subdue Taylor using a Taser, but the Taser was ineffective. Taylor then entered the motel bathroom and closed the bathroom door, with the two females inside the bathroom, leading officers to believe Taylor had taken two hostages while armed with a machete.

One of the females was able to flee the restroom and ISPD officers negotiated with Taylor to come out of the bathroom. Taylor exited the bathroom and an ISPD officer successfully de-escalated the situation by convincing Taylor to put the machete down. Taylor then voluntarily exited the motel room. As ISPD officers attempted to place Taylor under arrest, Taylor physically resisted, attempted to flee on foot, and then aggressively resisted being placed in handcuffs. Ultimately, Taylor was taken into custody. Taylor was transported to the hospital as a precaution due to the use of the Taser. Taylor was then transported to the Clear Creek County jail and booked on the following charges:

3 counts of felony menacing, 2 counts of kidnapping, 1 count of domestic violence, 1 count of resisting arrest

"Today, ISPD officers performed admirably under extremely stressful and rapidly evolving circumstances. The suspect's actions put officers and civilians in extreme danger. ISPD officers' de-escalation strategies led to the suspect being safely taken into custody. There could have been an entirely different outcome today and I am extremely proud of how our ISPD officers handled this incident," said Chief Nathan Buseck.

