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Tarpon Springs officers responded to a residence in the 400 block of Village Dr. on Wednesday, September 2, 2020, at approximately 5:00 a.m., in reference to an emotionally disturbed individual causing a disturbance. Upon arrival officers learned that the individual had been lighting small fires in the garage of the residence. The subject entered the location and barricaded himself inside once he observed officers on scene. He refused to exit the location when requested by officers. Officers located items inside of the garage indicative that firearms may be present inside of the location with the barricaded subject. The SWAT team responded to the scene and were able to talk the subject out of the residence, where he was placed into protective custody at approximately 0745 hours without incident. The subject did not sustain any injuries.

The Tarpon Springs High School and Sunset Hills Elementary schools were briefly placed on a lock out/alternative drop off procedure because of the proximity of this incident to both schools. The schools have since resumed normal operation.

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