Kaua‘i police arrest man for terroristic threatening and reckless endangerment

HANAMĀ‘ULU – Kaua‘i police arrested Preston Duque, 38, a Kaua‘i man with no known permanent address, on Monday evening for terroristic threatening and reckless endangerment.

According to a preliminary report, Kaua‘i police responded to a reckless endangerment call at Hanamā‘ulu Beach Park around 5 p.m. It was reported that Duque had used a firearm to shoot a round into the air.

When officers arrived on scene and located the subject, Duque proceeded to point the firearm at the responding officers. The officers took cover while calling for backup. Officers and units from surrounding beats arrived to assist, along with the Kaua‘i Police Department’s Special Response Team (SRT) and Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT).

After officers were able to communicate with the subject, Duque was taken into custody around 6:15 p.m. without incident. No injuries were reported.

“I want to thank everyone at KPD who played a role in this incident from the dispatchers and units on scene to the SRT and negotiations teams, as well as all the officers and units that stayed late and came in early to assist,” said Chief of Police Todd G. Raybuck. “I sincerely appreciate the quick and measured response by all. Thank you for your collective efforts in assisting the call to be resolved peacefully so that everyone, suspect and officers alike, went home safe tonight.”
Duque is currently being held at KPD cellblock for one count of reckless endangerment, two counts of terroristic threatening and two counts of ownership prohibited. His bail is set at $100,000.

Photo of Preston Duque courtesy of Kaua‘i Police Department.

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