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Hampton Bays man indicted after standoff with police

A Hampton Bays man arrested by Southampton police last Friday night after a four-hour standoff on Re Court will be arraigned in Riverhead on an indictment tomorrow, Thursday, March 3, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said.

While armed with a shotgun, Scott E. Saunders, 49, of Hampton Bays, barricaded himself in his home before surrendering peacefully to a large contingent of law enforcement personnel who responded to the scene including the Southampton Town Police Emergency Services Unit, the Southampton Town Police hostage negotiators, the East Hampton Emergency Services Unit, Southampton Village Police, New York State Police and the Riverhead Town Police K- 9 unit.

Saunders pleaded not guilty to a felony charge of menacing a police officer, criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree, aggravated harassment in the second degree, and criminal mischief in the fourth degree.

He is incarcerated in the county jail in lieu of \$25,000 cash bail.

State Supreme Court Justice William Condon (fourth floor of the courthouse) will unseal the indictment. The court calendar will be called at 9:30 am.

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