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ROBBERY SUSPECT THREATENS SUICIDE

On Tuesday, October 18, 2011, Inglewood Police officers interrupted a robbery in progress, pursued the suspect on foot, and ultimately had to talk the suspect out of committing suicide before taking him into custody. The incident started at noon, when officers responded to the Starbuck's Coffee Shop regarding a call that the business was being robbed. As officers arrived at the scene, the suspect was exiting the location. The suspect, later identified as Lamont Kelly, age 39, resident of Inglewood, ran from the location north to the 100 block of West Hillsdale Street, where he climbed onto the roof of a three-story apartment building.

When Kelly realized that the building was surrounded by Inglewood Police officers on the ground and saw the L.A.P.D. helicopter flying overhead, he threatened suicide. Kelly tethered a wire to the building, secured it around his neck, and threatened to jump if officers approached. Inglewood Police personnel were assisted by fire fighters from the Los Angeles County Fire Department. They hoisted a ladder to a section of the roof where Kelly was standing and attempted to convince him to surrender, but he refused.

Inglewood Police Department's Emergency Response Team, the department's unit responsible for crisis negotiation, came to the location to assist with efforts to convince Kelly not to jump, but to surrender safely. After forty-five minutes of continuous negotiation, the Inglewood Police Department's Emergency Response Team successfully convinced Kelly to surrender and he was safely taken into custody. He was charged with robbery and is being held without bail.

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