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REDFIELD, S.D. (AP) - Authorities say the man accused of holding a boy hostage at a hospital in a northeast South Dakota community was able to break a lockdown of the facility because a door lock failed. Spink County sheriff's deputies suspected Matthew Mathern was on his way to Community Memorial Hospital Avera in Redfield Monday as they pursued his vehicle with a 10-year-old boy inside. Officials say Mathern was hospitalized earlier, appeared agitated and left. Pursuing officers reported the hospital to close and evacuate. The Argus Leader reports Spink County Attorney Vic Fischbach says Mathern went into the hospital because a magnetic door lock failed. The boy was released unharmed and Mathern eventually surrendered. He is charged with aggravated assault, child abuse and aggravated assault. It was not immediately clear if Mathern had an attorney who could comment on his behalf. Garrett Ammesmaki, Danielle Ferguson | Argus Leader The sky was gray and rolling, promising rain, but delivering only a gentle breeze Monday as officers in tactical gear surrounded the Community Memorial Hospital Avera in Redfield. Three children sat on the corner near a fire hydrant, across the street from the hospital and watched as they screamed together behind an SUV nearby. Sheriff's deputies stood by the ready at each of the four intersections that surrounded the hospital, where Matthew James Mathern had been since about 8 a.m. Monday morning, locked inside somewhere with a gun and a 10-year-old boy. Law enforcement negotiated the child's release around 12:30 p.m., Fischbach said in a joint statement with Avera Health. About an hour later, Mathern, 30, calmly surrendered to officers. He was taken into custody and faces potential charges of aggravated evading, child endangerment, kidnapping, simple assault and others, said Victor Fischbach, Spink County State's Attorney at a press release alongside law enforcement and hospital officials. Officials did not say what the relationship between the man and the child was. An AK 47 and two 30-round magazines of ammunition were in his vehicle, Fischbach said. You don't think about something like that happening in a small town, Redfield resident Alanna Rose said. It's an echo of other residents in the northeastern South Dakota town of 2,339 people. Those who were willing to speak did so with some sort of Midwestern reserve - surprised, but calm and collected. Longtime Redfield resident Clinton Carr sat outside his quaint yellow home, on his long red porch with his stick crossed over his lap, barely a block away from the brown brick hospital. He wasn't entirely sure what happened, but was that no one was injured in the hours-long hostage situation. It's the first time the city has seen anything like this. The hospital had six patients and about 40 staff of the incident, according to Avera Health. Patients and staff were all safe and accounted for. Police contacted Mathern early Monday morning. Spink County Sheriff's deputies responded to the hospital around 7 a.m. for a report of an agitated individual. About an hour later, a deputy found Mathern on a street, and Mathern drove away from the officer. A chase landed them back to the hospital. The child was with Mathern during the chase. Mathern's court record shows multiple pending cases from Spink County, including a failure to appear charge in May and three charges of aggravated assault in April. He also has multiple traffic violations, including speeding, seatbelt violations and driving under the influence, and marijuana, simple assault and vandalism. Not long after the chase ended at the hospital, employees at Redfield school went into lockdown around 8:30 a.m., said business manager for the school Marilyn Hodges. Authorities also warned the public to avoid the area of the hospital. Avera Health tweeted around 10:50 a.m. that all patients were safe and responsible. Michael O'Keefe, CEO and administrator of the hospital, said staff used proper protocol in the lockdown. The staff had implemented a lockdown system about a year ago and this was the first time it was used, he said. This could have been a much worse result, O'Keefe said. We're practicing this one. We're going through these exercises. Our hope is never to really live one, but we did that today. (This) result is the best we could have hoped for. It was definitely a scary situation. Katie Nelson | Argus Leader A man has pleaded guilty to charges related to a hostage situation at a Redfield hospital in June. Matthew James Mathern, 30, pleaded guilty to first-degree burglary, aggravated assault and felony violation of bond conditions on Tuesday. Spink County State's Attorney Victor Fischbach said. The burglary charge stemmed from Mathern breaking into the hospital, while the aggravated assault charge came from his brandishing a gun, Fischbach said. The third charge came from another case. Mathern was arrested after police said he led them on a chase that ended at Community Memorial Hospital Avera in Redfield on June 25, 2018. About four hours later, police said Mathern left a 10-year-old child he was taking hostage before surrendering an hour later. Mathern was originally facing additional charges of aggravated evading, child endangerment, kidnapping and simple assault. Fischbach said at the time of the incident. Those charges will be dropped as part of his plea agreement. Burglary is punishable by up to 25 years in prison and a possible \$50,000 fine, while aggravated assault could garner 15 years in prison, Fischbach said. Sentencing will take place in 2019, although a date has not yet been set. Argus 911: Sioux Falls woman accused of car murder An intense and scary situation for many in Redfield has ended peacefully. Authorities said 30-year-old Matthew Mathern walked into the Redfield Community Memorial Hospital around 8:30 a.m. Monday armed, after a high-speed chase. He surrendered peacefully hours later. People in the community are still trying to understand what happened. It's usually a quiet place, but they said they're grateful for everything law enforcement did to keep them safe during the scary situation. I was very scared, especially for my daughter, Lesley Little said. According to police, Mathern barricaded himself in the hospital with a 10-year-old child. We spoke to the man who was barricaded and responded with him, Spink County Sheriff Kevin Schurch said. The negotiators were crucial in releasing him the child and eventually coming out and surrendering. Little was stuck at work away from her daughter during the incident. She went to the crèche this morning, and they live across the street from the hospital, so it was a very scary situation of me at work and her here, she said. And the nursing home where she works was also locked. You're on your toes, you're definitely making sure everything's taken care of, everyone's away from windows, doors are locked, Little said. And that's exactly what Jackie Olson did. It was crazy, I saw cops all over my house, didn't really know what was going on, she said. I closed the doors and kept the kids away from the windows doors. And it can be difficult to take care of other people's children in a scary situation. I got several calls from parents, she said. I assured them that their children were safe, and that we would lock the doors and not play outside or anything. The situation was something the hospital was training for, but hoped it would never happen. Well it's really not an exercise is really what it goes through, but again we're going through a very ribbed training, Schurch said. We just got into our lockdown system not quite a year ago. This was the first time we really used it, and it worked, we needed it. Everyone said they couldn't have hoped for a better result. There were about 35 to 40 staff at the hospital during the standoff. Mathern is being held in Brown County jail. He is charged with kidnapping, child endangerment, assault and evading. 18. Dtmber 2018 um 20:55 - Matthew J. Mathern, who was charged in a series of events on June 25 that caused Community Memorial Hospital Avera in Redfield to be closed, today pleaded guilty to burglary and aggravated assault. 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Look how a day was quarantined for Hoven sixth grader Jaxon Hartung, who was at home after his mother tested positive for COVID-19. With painting, a potty training younger brother, schoolwork and farm work, it wasn't the holiday he was expecting. On Thursday, October 29, 2020, Jacob, Ava and I were sent home because our mother tested positive. My mom's a nurse at the Bowdle Clinic. She is mainly in 1.8 Mio. fällt dasAmerican Military News reports on global affairs, terrorism, U.S. national security and... Thirty-three million. gefällt dasInstant breaking news alerts and the most talked about stories.8,3 Mio. the latest news and the most interesting stories from USA TODAY. News to be shared. Mehr ansehen174.047 gefällt dasNews tip, photo, video or story idea? Email news@keloland.com or call 1-800-888-KELO. Visit our... 1.4 million. the best stories from the whole of England18 Mio. fetget on the official Fox News Facebook page. Get breaking news, must see videos & exclusive... 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