

SIMMS, Texas -- A man is in critical condition after a shooting involving a Bowie County Sheriff's Office deputy.

Mark Robert Peters, 60, was airlifted to a Tyler, Texas, hospital Friday afternoon after a stand-off with law enforcement, according to a news release from the Bowie County Sheriff's Office.

The Texas Rangers are investigating the shooting.

The Bowie County Sheriff's Office responded shortly before noon Friday to 6588 Farm to Market 44 in Simms, Texas, regarding a suicidal person, according to a news release. Once there, deputies attempted to make contact with Peters. Peters allegedly fired one shot from inside of the home and then refused to come outside, threatening deputies in the process. Deputies retreated to a safer distance and negotiated with Peters in efforts of finding a peaceful resolution. On one occasion, Peters exited the home and fired the weapon, before returning back inside the home. Negotiations continued for several hours, but Peters eventually exited the home again, still carrying the weapons.

Peters walked through the front yard and allegedly turned towards deputies, placing them in imminent danger, according to the news release.

A single shot was fired by a Bowie County Sheriff's deputy that struck Peters. Medical attention was immediately provided, resulting in Peters being taken by Life Net ambulance to Titus Regional Medical Center before eventually being airlifted to UT Tyler Hospital. His condition was critical late Friday.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife, the DeKalb Police Department, and the Texas Department of Transportation assisted BCSO.