

# Federal Judge's Meltdown Ends With Hostages, Suicide

A federal administrative law judge arrested last week, accused of threatening the mother of his child with a rifle, shot and killed himself early Friday morning, ending a tense 10-hour standoff in Florida, reports the *Miami Herald*.

Police and federal agents had already confiscated a weapons cache from the home of Timothy Maher a few days before he took hostages and then killed himself. Three hostages were unharmed.

"The standoff was the culmination of a 10-day cat-and-mouse game between the troubled judge and local and federal law enforcement that began with Maher being arrested on firearms charges and included the shutdown of a downtown Miami Social Security office," reports the *Herald*.

**Read the *Miami Herald* article.**