

1/7/20

Dear Chief,

On Tuesday 1/5/21 I while working as the street Lieutenant (inspector of divisions) I responded to the call on Lincoln St. regarding a man with a knife. Upon arrival I entered the building and made my way up two flights of stairs to the base of the third floor stairs. At that location I encountered Sgt. Mclean who was armed with a less lethal shotgun, Officer Raymond, Officer Spinney, Sgt. O'Connell. The subject with the knife was on the landing at the top of the third floor. He was holding a knife to his throat and appeared extremely agitated, yelling at the officers and demanding to speak with his real father.

A body bunker was retrieved by one of the officers and I took a position with the bunker at the foot of the stairs. I radioed to dispatch and requested a negotiator through NEMLEC. I contacted the OIC (Lt. Doucette) by phone and apprised him of the situation and requested that he activate NEMLEC tactical team. I was advised that there were officers on the third floor above us, at the end of the hall from where the subject was. I could hear Officer Scaltreto attempting to speak with the subject, trying to de-escalate the situation and trying to get him to put down the knife. Captain Dowling arrived at our location on the stairwell and advised detective Sergeant O'Connell and I that time was on our side and the plan was to wait the subject out until NEMLEC arrived. At some point the subject retrieved a fire extinguisher and was holding it in a threatening manner while still holding the knife, and it appeared that he was going to throw the fire extinguisher at us.

I was on scene for what appeared to be at least 20 minutes while officers were attempting to deescalate the situation, when I observed the subject advance towards the direction of the officers who were on the third floor. I then heard officers yelling for him to drop the knife and what appeared to be several gunshots. I ran up the stairs with the other officers and encountered the subject unresponsive, laying in the hall bleeding. Captain Marzilli, Officer Raymond and I began CPR until Paramedics arrived. Officer Gaudet and I continued to assist paramedics with resuscitation, boarding the subject and getting him down the 3 flights of stairs to the waiting ambulance.

Respectfully submitted

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