



**NEWTON POLICE
DEPARTMENT
1321 WASHINGTON STREET**



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On 1/5/21 at 13:43 I was assigned to N494 and heard dispatch give out a call for a potential armed robbery in progress on Lincoln S. Sgt. Chisholm and I cleared a call at 95 Norwood Ave. and responded to Lincoln Street.

Upon arrival I was initially asked by Captain Marzilli to block traffic at Lincoln Street and Walnut Street. When Lincoln Street became completely blocked by emergency vehicles a few minutes later, I was then asked to stand by the front door of the apartment building the suspect had entered. At this time, I could hear yelling but couldn't tell who was involved or where the suspect was.

After a few minutes I moved up to the second-floor landing; the suspect was directly above me on the third floor. I was unable to see him or the position of the knife. I did hear officers trying to talk to the suspect, as they repeatedly asked for him to lower the knife, thanked him when he put it to his side, and asked him to put it on the floor. They were also calling the situation a "simulation" in which the suspect apparently believed he was participating. The suspect continued to scream at officers in response to their pleas for de-escalation of the situation. Officers were also offering to call his father if he would put the knife down. All of the sudden there was a lot of screaming and the officers on the stairs started to climb towards the third floor. At this time there were about three seconds of multiple guns shots. When the gunshots stopped, I followed other officers to the third floor where the suspect was being worked on. When the medics came in to work on him, they asked me to get a box out of the ambulance. I went outside and retrieved the box and gave it to another medic who was entering the building.

When I exited the building, I was asked to tape off the ends of the square to keep pedestrians and vehicles from entering the area. When that was completed, I was assigned back to Lincoln and Walnut to make sure no one entered the area.

Respectfully Submitted,

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