

Dear Chief

On 01/05/2021 at about 1350 hours I responded to 16 Lincoln ST. Indulge` for a report of a possible armed robbery with a knife. While en route I heard officers on scene state that the suspect had fled into 18 Lincoln ST and was at the top of the third floor stairs. I could hear someone screaming on the radio transmissions.

Upon Arrival I proceeded to 18 Lincoln ST and went to the base of the third floor staircase where I observed Sergeant Mclean holding a less lethal bean bag gun, Lieutenant Dangelo holding a body bunker and Officer Raymond with his handgun, also in the hallway were Officers Scaltreto, Spinney, Gaudet and Detective Curry.

At the top of the stairway was a white male later id as Michael Conlon 07/09/1992 in a green coat holding a 6-8 inch knife to his throat screaming. Conlon stated he was in a simulation and wanted to end it. He was screaming that he wanted his real father not the one in the simulation. Officers were trying to talk to him but he was not responding. He was hitting the door at the top of the stairs screaming for his father and for them to open the door. Conlon looked at me and asked if I was with the FBI I assume due to the fact I was in plain clothes. I showed him my badge and informed him I was a Newton Police officer. I then attempted to talk with him. He stated that "the woman downstairs is a nice lady, I am sorry I tried to take her hostage". Conlon picked up a small fire extinguisher and threatened to throw it at us if we didn't take our feet off the steps. He was swinging the extinguisher with one hand while holding the knife to his throat with the other hand screaming if we came any closer he would cut his throat that he wanted his real father not the one in the simulation and that he wanted the FBI because they know about the simulation.

Conlon then began screaming at someone on the third floor above us who we couldn't see from our position. I then went to the other end of the hallway and entered the open apartment door I walked through the apartment to the bedroom where I moved a couple of boxes so I could open the door at the bottom of the stairs allowing the Officers an escape route if Conlon charged down the stairs.

Captain Dowling came into the apartment and spoke with myself Sgt Mclean LT Dangelo and Officer Raymond who stated time was on our side and we were going to slow the scene down. Captain Dowling stated that on the third floor Sgt Chisholm had a less lethal beanbag gun, Officer Scaltreto was up there as well as two troopers with tasers.

A short time later while I was positioned in the doorway at the bottom of the third floor stairway I heard someone state to the effect he put the knife down then at almost the same time I heard a loud bang which I thought was the less lethal beanbag being discharged by several more loud bangs which I thought were gun shots. We then began to go up the stairs where I observed Conlon laying on the ground with officers providing first aid. I observed Officer Raymond doing chest compressions medics then took over first aid with Officer Raymond continuing to perform chest compressions. I went down to the second floor hallway to allow the ambulance crew room to work.

Officer Raymond came down stairs holding a knife and open pack of cigarettes he handed them to Officer Umina while I retrieved an evidence bag from my cruiser. Officer Umina placed the knife in a clear tube and then placed both the knife and cigarettes into a brown paper evidence bag.

I proceeded to the third floor to freeze the scene when the ambulance crew transported Conlon. Lt Dangelo and Officer Gaudet were on scene to assist with carrying Conlon down the stairs.

Cpac officers Sergeant Obrien and Lieutenant Donahue arrived on scene I gave them a brief overview of what had transpired and then turned the scene over to them. At this time I went to Newton Wellesley hospital to be checked out. I was treated and released by Doctor O'Callahan

Respectfully submitted

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