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**CHIEF OF POLICE:**


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**SIR:**

On Tuesday 1/6/21 I was operating 1304 with the department clinician returning from a wellbeing check. I heard the radio tone and call for possible armed robbery involving a knife on Lincoln St. I activated my lights and responded to the call from the area of City Hall. I heard officers on scene say they were going up to the third floor. I arrived and a woman standing in the doorway of the candy store was pointing me into the open door next to her. When I got up to the second floor, Officers' Spinny, Scaltreto, Raymond and detective Curry were at the bottom of the stairs of floor 2 talking with the suspect on the third floor. I could hear them on several occasions telling him to drop the knife. I was able to peer up the steps and see the suspect standing at the top on the stair case with a knife to his throat. He was yelling about being able to talk to his real father and that he was in an FBI simulation and needed a hostage. He was banging on the door yelling for Danny. He was Rocking back and forth. He was spitting as he spoke and white saliva was forming at the edges of his mouth. At one point he lit up a cigarette. I believe at this point Officer Scaltreto left the hallway and went down stairs. A less than lethal was requested and Sgt. Mclean came in with it taking a position at the bottom of the stairs. Lt. Dangelo took a position with him. A body bunker was handed up to me and I passed it to Lt. Dangelo. Det. Sgt. O'Connell was also in the formation.

At some point we could hear the suspect talking to someone on the third floor. We were unsure who it was, until we could hear Officer Scaltreto's voice. From my vantage point I could then see Officer Scaltreto directly above where the others were standing and the feet of the suspect. I was able to relay to Lt. Dangelo and Sgt. Mclean that officers were directly above them engaging. At that point Officer Scaltreto was the main contact. I was able to peer up at the suspect and observed him with the knife to his throat in one hand and a fire extinguisher in the other pointing it at officers on the third floor. Eventually Officer Scaltreto told him he had to put the knife down if he wanted help with speaking to his father. Eventually I was able to see the suspect squat down and place the knife on the floor but did not stand back up yet. He still had the knife next to his feet and inches from his hand. At that point, assuming he was going to be rushed by officers on the third floor, I backed up losing all visual sight to the third floor. A few seconds later I heard shots fired and someone say, "Get the medics". I radioed on the air to get the medics inside. I then walked back to the bottom of the stairs next to the railing at my original position and could not see the suspect anymore.

Respectfully

  
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