

## **Kurt Duprez Interview**

On 1/23/2022 I, Detective Daniels, responded to Burlington Fire Station 2 located at 114 Terrace Hall Ave to assist Trooper Patrick O'Keefe with interviews.

At approximately 1513 hours Trooper O'Keefe and I met with Firefighter Kurt Duprez (D.O.B. 4/21/1968). He stated that the company was dispatched to the Lord Baron Apartments for a possible suicidal male. They were advised to stand by and wait for instructions when they arrived on scene. Duprez stated that he was sitting in the right rear passenger seat and that when they turned right into the complex from Middlesex Turnpike Extension, he looked out the front windshield as he does every time to assess the scene. While approaching the buildings he said the truck was pulling off to the right side of the road, but he maintained a visual out of the left side of the front windshield. Duprez zoned in on a male holding a large knife above his head running toward a female police officer from behind the police cruisers on to the pavement area between the buildings. Duprez said he saw Officer Miedico with a shield in her hand and was backing up, trying to create distance, and fell backwards while doing so. Duprez said when he saw Officer Miedico backing away from the male he jumped out of the truck and heard a bang/gunshot. Duprez became emotional and had to stop the interview for a moment. He told Trooper O'Keefe and I that he thought Officer Miedico was dead. He said once he exited the truck, he ran over to the Officer Miedico and asked if she was ok and flagged down the ambulance that was standing by a short distance away. Duprez said he grabbed the medical bag from Officer Miedico and immediately went over to the male party to render aid with Officer Reyes. Duprez said he tried to slow the bleeding out of the male's face and attempted to locate an exit wound. He said that the male party had agonal breathing and that the defibrillator was put on him.

Trooper O'Keefe and I asked Duprez if he could describe the male that was holding the knife and he said he was fixated on the knife, but believes he was wearing a light grey top and tan pants. We advised Duprez to contact us if he remembers anything else from the incident.