

North Eastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council

AFTER-ACTION REPORT

Call-out

Summary Page

Operational Unit (check one):											
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EMERGENCY CALL-OUT				PLANNED EVENT						

Location: Pinewood Road Tewksbury	Date: March 7, 2013
Begin Time: 1230 hrs	End Time: 1730 hrs
# Personnel Responding: 27	On-scene Commander: Lt. Chaput

Call-out Summary:

Assist Tewksbury PD with serving search/arrest warrant for a potentially armed subject who had made threats to kill an ex-girlfriend then create a suicide by cop situation.

Events/Items of Note:

After isolating just the suspect in the home at Pinewood Road the suspect refused to exit the house and the situation was treated a barricaded subject. The entire SWAT team was activated along with a request for a second armored vehicle from the MSO. Suspect surrendered after a short period of negotiations with the NEMLEC CNT.

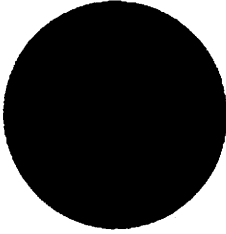
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Submitted By: Sgt. Towle

Submitted Date: 03/12/13

Control Chief _____
Signature

Date: _____



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Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT)

Chief Michael R. Begonis
Control Officer
Wilmington Police Dept.

Lt. Stephen Chaput
Commanding Officer
Dracut Police Dept.

Sgt. Patrick Towle
Officer-in-Charge
Bedford Police Dept.

TO: Lt. Stephen Chaput SWAT Commander
FROM: Sgt. Patrick Towle SWAT OIC
RE: Callout [REDACTED] Pinewood Rd. Tewksbury

On Thursday May 7, 2013 at approximately 1245 hours the NEMLEC SWAT team (North) was activated to assist the Tewksbury Police Department with serving an arrest warrant on a potentially armed subject. The team was instructed to stage at the Tewksbury Police Department. Upon my arrival at the Tewksbury Police Department I met with Chief Sheehan and Deputy Chief Votto. Chief Sheehan informed me that his department had received a report from the Lowell Police Department today regarding a domestic incident which had occurred in the City of Lowell last night (May 6, 2013). The suspect in the incident, [REDACTED] had reportedly sent several text messages to his ex-girlfriend [REDACTED] threatening to kill her and then creating a situation in which the police would have shoot him. [REDACTED] also indicated in his text messages that he had a gun.

[REDACTED] is very well known to the Tewksbury Police Department and has over 80 entries on his BOP including convictions for A&B with a dangerous weapon, possession of a sawed of shotgun, carrying a dangerous weapon, and armed assault. [REDACTED] also had an active warrant (warrant # [REDACTED] out of Woburn District Court for a probation violation. According to Chief Sheehan, Tewksbury Detectives had [REDACTED] under surveillance at his current girlfriend's home at [REDACTED] Pinewood Road. The Tewksbury Detectives had also informed me that [REDACTED] was caring for his infant daughter at that address.

After briefing the SWAT team an operational team was developed that called for two vans of operators to pre-position themselves near the target location to assist marked Tewksbury PD cruisers with a high risk stop of the suspect if and when he left the house.

The Alpha team consisted of the following operators;

1. Frechette – ATL
2. Max – halogen
3. Fay – TL
4. Cogswell – less lethal
5. Saia – window break
6. Bourque – Taser, long arm
7. O’Leary – ram
8. Ferguson – long arm
9. Herrera – CNT, driver grey van

The Bravo team consisted of the following operators;

1. Gualtieri – shield
2. Mccarthy – long arm
3. McDonough – ATL
4. Vivolo – TL
5. Palmer – long arm
6. Shelly – long arm
7. Keins – halogen
8. Seamans – ram
9. Reagan – medic, driver blue van

Shortly after deploying the teams to the Pinewood Road area I received information that it was believed that the Tewksbury Detectives surveillance teams had been compromised. After “pinging” [REDACTED] cell phone and confirming that he was still located at [REDACTED] Pinewood Road it was decided that the Alpha and Bravo teams would move into a position to set a perimeter around [REDACTED] Pinewood Road. The Alpha would set up on the 1 & 4 corner and Bravo on the 1 & 2 corner. The K-9 handlers, Papsedero and Picallo would secure the 2 & 3 and 3 & 4 corners. Once the perimeter was set Sgt. Higginbottom CNT OIC would place a call into [REDACTED] (It should be noted that at this point we were informed that the Tewksbury Detectives had secured a search warrant for [REDACTED] Pinewood Road and that Lowell PD had obtained an arrest warrant for [REDACTED])

At approximately 1515 hours the teams moved into position and Sgt. Higginbottom placed a call into the suspect’s cell phone. After a short conversation the suspect hung up, after several more attempts to contact [REDACTED] girlfriend [REDACTED] [REDACTED] answered the phone and informed Sgt. Higginbottom that [REDACTED] had fled out a window. As a result of the perimeter that had been set up by the Alpha and Bravo teams and the K-9’s it was believed that [REDACTED] was still inside the home. At this point Sgt. Higginbottom instructed [REDACTED] to have everybody exit the house. Almost immediately [REDACTED] exited the house with her infant followed by an older male subject. An ambulance was dispatched by Tewksbury Fire/Rescue to evaluate the infant and provide shelter out of the weather (heavy snow).

Sgt. Higginbottom attempted to re-establish contact with [REDACTED] by calling his cell phone and the house phone, the calls went unanswered. Believing that the situation had turned into a barricade, the NEMLEC South team was activated along with a request for a

response from the Middlesex County Sheriff's Department, so that a second armored vehicle would be available to the team if needed.

At approximately 1530 hours after numerous phone calls to [REDACTED] by Sgt. Higginbottom, [REDACTED] contacted Sgt. Higginbottom. After several more calls and short conversations between [REDACTED] and Sgt. Higginbottom, [REDACTED] agreed to come out. [REDACTED] was instructed to exit the home from the 4 side where he would be given commands by the Alpha team. Shortly thereafter [REDACTED] exited that house and was taken into custody by the Alpha team. The Alpha team along with support from the Bravo team conducted a protective sweep of [REDACTED] Pinewood Road. After securing the home, both [REDACTED] and the home were turned over to Tewksbury PD.

Once the SWAT team cleared the scene and returned back to the staging area the operation was debriefed. The team was then dismissed; the hours of the operation were 1230 – 1700 hours.

**NEMLEC
SWAT - CNT - K9 - IMAT
ATTENDANCE SHEET**

EVENT: Tewksbury Warrant

DATE: 03-07-2013

TIMES: 1230 - 1730

	NAME	DEPT [†]	PRESENT	ABSENT	IN-ROUTE	Comment - Assignment
	Banosian, Shiraz, Ptl	Belmont				
	Borque, Mark, SGT	Tyngsboro	X			ALPHA TEAM
	Callahan, Jeff, SGT	Waltham				
	Chaput, Stephen, LT	Dracut	X			ZULU 1
	Cogswell, Steve, Ptl	Billerica	X			ALPHA TEAM
	DiChiara, Chuck, Ptl	Waltham				
S	Dicker, Tom, Ptl	Watertown				
	Dorsey, Paul, Ptl	No. Reading				
W	Fay, James, SGT	Lowell	X			TEAM LEADER: ALPHA
	Ferguson, Chuck, Ptl	Burlington	X			BRAVO TEAM
A	Fuller, Carl, LT	Winchester				
	Frechette, David, SGT	Lowell	X			ALPHA TEAM
T	Gualtieri, Mark, SGT	Billerica	X			BRAVO TEAM
	Heller, Thomas, Ptl	Stoneham				
	Keins, Steven, SGT	Westford	X			BRAVO TEAM
	Max, Chris, SGT	Methuen	X			ALPHA TEAM
	McCarthy, Stephen, SGT	Waltham	X			BRAVO TEAM
	McDonough, Tim, SGT	Burlington	X			BRAVO TEAM
	Noonan, Patrick, Ptl	No. Andover				
	O'Leary, Sean, Ptl	No. Reading	X			ALPHA TEAM
	Palmer, Eric	Wilmington	X			BRAVO TEAM
	Rego, Daniel, Ptl	Somerville				
	Saia, Mark, Ptl	Peabody	X			ALPHA TEAM
	Scotina, Alfred, Ptl	Peabody				
	Seamans, John, SGT	Dracut	X			BRAVO TEAM
	Shackelford, Kevin, Ptl	Somerville				
	Shelly, Jeffrey, Ptl	Concord	X			BRAVO TEAM
	Surette, Robert	Lincoln				
	Towle, Pat, SGT	Bedford	X			CHARLIE 1
	Troiano, Chris, Ptl	Concord				
	Vaglica, James, SGT	Waltham				
	Vivolo, Carmine, LT	Somerville	X			TEAM LEADER: BRAVO
	NAME	DEPT	PRESENT	ABSENT	IN-ROUTE	Comment - Assignment
	Fogarty, Andrea	CNT				
C	Foley, Brian	CNT				
	Herrera, Armand	CNT	X			
N	Higginbottom, Mark, SGT	CNT - OIC	X			
	Peaslee, David	CNT				
T	Post, Greg	CNT				
	Ricci, Eric	CNT				
	Scharnick, Sean	CNT				
	Sedgwick, David	CNT				

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Bradbury, Jerry	MEDIC				
Clark, Keith	MEDIC				
Regan, Tim	MEDIC	X			
Russell, Wes	MEDIC				
Cooper, Paul	Support				

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NAME	DEPT	PRESENT	ABSENT	IN-ROUTE	Comment - Assignment
Harring, John	Billerica	X			Call Sign K-1
Palmer, Eric	Wilmington	X			Call Sign K-2
Hogan, Michael	Arlington				Call Sign K-8
Tsoukalas, Mark	Billerica				Call Sign K-3
Papsedero, Joe	Burlington	X			Call Sign K-4
Kinney, Brian	Lowell				Call Sign K-11
Peladeau, Corey	Westford				Call Sign K-5
Toumyan, Sylvia	Concord				Call Sign K-6
Fogg, Mike	Waltham				Call Sign K-9
Picallo, Al	Tewksbury				Call Sign K-7
Polston, Mike	Malden				Call Sign K-12
Connors, Michael	Andover				Call Sign K-10
Roccicone, Brett	Wakefield				Call Sign K-13

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NAME	DEPT	PRESENT	ABSENT	IN-ROUTE	Comment - Assignment
Arnold, Scott	Waltham	X			
Buckley, William	MSO				
Burnham, Ken	Lynnfield FD				
Cassidy, Shane	MSO				
D'Agostino, Phil	Watertown				
Davis, Damien	MSO				
Duffill, John	Danvers				
Dragone, Lauren	Newton				
Eldridge, Frank	Newton	X			
Foley, Mike	Arlington				
Griffin, Michael	Salem				
Keefe, Brian	Lowell				
Landers, Richard	Concord				
Magee, Dave	Woburn				
Malm, Chris	Wakefield				
Mathers, David	Amesbury				
Mondalto, Jamie	Danvers				
Riccio, James	Belmont				
Riendeau, Dan	Cataldo				
Rudolph, Mark	Medford				
Ryan, Christopher	Andover				
Scafidi, Jeff	Armstrong				
Scholtz, William	Amesbury				
Skory, Steve	Wakefield				
Simonds, Dave	Woburn				
Spinosa, David	Lexington				
Stokes, Keegan	Salem				
Thibodeau, Joseph	N. Reading				
Trombly, James	Contractor				
Vinciulla, Jeffrey	Bedford	X			

Vestri, Fabrizio	Pepperell				
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NAME	DEPT	PRESENT	ABSENT	IN-ROUTE	Comment - Assignment
Fram, Thomas	Methuen				
Sheehan, Timothy	Tewksbury				
Begonis, Michael	Wilmington				
Fisher, John	Carlisle				
Picariello, Robert	Marblehead				
Palma, Donald	Groton				
Ray, Mark	Beverly				