

# North Eastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council

## AFTER-ACTION REPORT

### Call-out

#### Summary Page

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EMERGENCY CALL-OUT				PLANNED EVENT						

Location: Albion St Flr Lowell	Date: 08/21/13
Begin Time: 0400	End Time: 0800
# Personnel Responding: 48	On-scene Commander Lt. Chaput

#### **Call-out Summary:**

Assist Lowell PD with serving high risk search warrant. 29 NEMLEC SWAT, 3 CNT  
10 MSO SWAT, 2 K-9, 4 IMAT

#### **Events/Items of Note:**

See after action reports

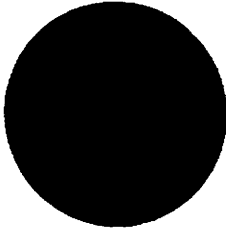
Attachments: After Action Reports, Roster

Submitted By: Sgt. Towle

Submitted Date: 08/29/13

Control Chief \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Northeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council

## 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: SWAT Callout [REDACTED] Albion Street Lowell

On Wednesday August 21, 2013 the NEMLEC SWAT Team and MSO SWAT Team were activated and instructed to stage at 0500 hours at Cauley Stadium in Lowell to assist the Lowell Police Department with serving a high risk search warrant [REDACTED] Lowell District) for [REDACTED] Albion St. [REDACTED] floor. The warrant was a no knock search warrant for the residence along with the provision all person present to be searched.

Upon my arrival at the staging area I met the affiant, Detective David Lavoie. Detective Lavoie informed me that the main targets of the search warrant [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Albion Street [REDACTED] floor Lowell are suspects in dealing narcotics, both pills and cocaine. [REDACTED] is also believed in possession of several firearms with intent to sell them. The neighborhood surrounding [REDACTED] Albion Street has seen a series of shootings, more specifically the home at [REDACTED] W. Fourth Street having been shot at with four shotgun rounds and eight handgun rounds. Detective Lavoie also indicated that [REDACTED] has three young children living with her at [REDACTED] Albion Street.

After receiving the case briefing from Detective Lavoie a pre-operational reconnaissance drive by of the target location was conducted by the team leaders and vehicle operators. Upon the return of the team leaders an operational plan was formed. The plan called for the teams to approach the target location on foot from a release point just southwest of the home. The Alpha Team would be the primary entry team conducting a controlled entry on the front door (side 1) moving to the second floor apartment and securing all parties inside the apartment. The Bravo Team would move to the 3 side of the building in an attempt to find a secondary breach point. There was no clear information if a second entrance to the apartment existed. If a secondary breach point was located the Bravo Team will conducted a breach and hold. The Middlesex Sheriff's SWAT Team and the NEMLEC K-9's (Delta Team) would secure the perimeter.

Alpha Team - Bearcat

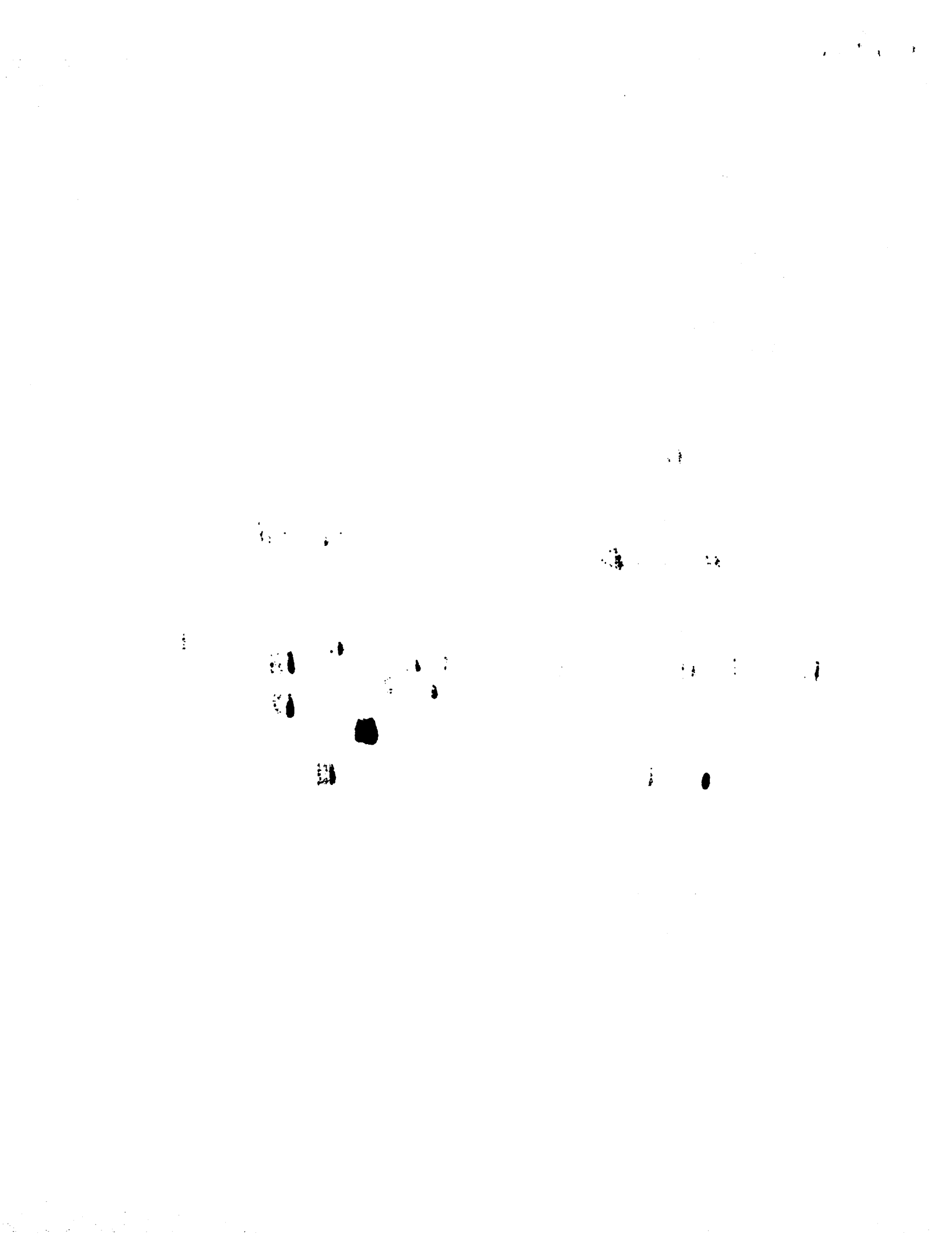
1. Fay - TL
2. DiChiara - MP5
3. Dicker - long arm
4. Cogswell - less lethal
5. Frechette - long arm
6. Gultieri - Taser
7. Heller - Taser
8. Max - ram
9. McCarthy - long arm
10. McDonough - hands free
11. O'Leary - hands free
12. Saia - halogen
13. Scotina - long arm
14. Dorsey - long arm
15. Vivolo - ATL
16. Rego - driver

**Bravo Team - Bearcub**

1. Keins - shield
2. Palmer - long arm
3. Vaglica - long arm
4. Seamans - TL
5. Surette - long arm
6. Bourque - ATL/Taser
7. Shelly - long arm
8. Banosian - halogen
9. Noonan - ram
10. Pepsidero - K-9
11. Peaslee - driver

**Delta Team - MSO Bear**

1. Chaput - TL
2. Fagan - long arm
3. Gianino - long arm
4. Gianino, N. - long arm
5. Gudewich - long arm
6. Karelis - long arm
7. Ledbury - long arm
8. Maloney - long arm
9. McManus
10. Slauta
11. Genovese - K-9
12. Carder - driver



After the teams prepared their equipment and conducted final inspections several rehearsals of the dismount and entry were performed. At approximately 0555 hours the teams moved to a forward staging point at Bridge Street and VFW Highway. At 0600 hours the teams traveled from the forward staging point towards the target location. Once at the release point the vehicles stopped and the teams dismounted. A stack formation was formed and the teams moved on foot to the target house with the Delta team in the lead providing cover.

Upon Alpha reaching the primary entry door on Side 1, Operator Max conducted a breach of this door. The Alpha team ascended to the second floor and was met by a locked apartment door. This second door was also breached by Operator Max. The Alpha team then made entry. Located on a bedroom immediately to the right in the front of the house was target [REDACTED] along with two children ([REDACTED]) and [REDACTED]. This room was secured by Operators Dicker and Vivolo. A second bedroom was located on the left side. This bedroom door was found to be locked from the outside using rope holding the door knob from opening. Located inside this bedroom was a single child [REDACTED]. The child was shortly thereafter moved to the room with his mother and siblings. Lowell detectives later took note of the locked door preventing egress and DCF was notified.

Located in the living room on a couch was a male named [REDACTED], nephew of [REDACTED]. This male was secured by Operator DiChiara. After clearing the second floor apartment, an entry way to the attic was discovered with drop down stairs. Due to the initiative being lost and the position of advantage this attic provided to a would-be suspect it was decided to use a search camera. This camera was controlled by Operator Heller. During the course of scanning the attic a person was observed to be in the attic. Verbal Commands were then given and a K-9 requested. A second male came down from the attic. The attic was then searched by K-9 and cleared by Alpha team operators. The male in the attic was identified as [REDACTED], also a nephew of [REDACTED].

The Bravo Team followed behind the Alpha Team on foot. Upon reaching the 1-4 corner of the target address, Bravo Team peeled off of the Alpha Team and continued down the 4 side and arrived at the 3 side. Located on the 3 Side was a single door at the top of a small porch on the first floor. There were no other exterior doorways on the 3 side. The Bravo Team stacked up on the door and Operator Noonan attempted to open the door by turning the door knob, but the door was locked. I then authorized Operator Noonan to breach the door with the ram, which was done. Inside of the doorway was a narrow common hallway. Directly inside of the doorway was another interior door and just to the right a stairway heading up towards the target apartment. The Bravo Team moved up the stairway to the only door at the top of the landing. Operator Noonan proceeded to breach the door. Prior to Operator Noonan completing the breach of the second floor door, an Alpha Team Operator verbally called out to the Bravo Team, using a predetermined call sign, to stop the breach. This signified that Alpha had already made entry into the room Bravo was about to breach. At this point the Bravo team held its position.

Once the apartment and all parties were secured it was turned over to the Lowell Detectives. Subsequently [REDACTED] placed under arrest for a straight warrant (MV charges), Reckless Endangerment of a Child, and ammunition charges. DCF took charge of the 3 children. [REDACTED] was not located. All other parties were released.

After clearing the scene the SWAT Team returned to the staging area and debriefed the operation. The team was then dismissed. The hours of the operation were 0400- 0800 hours.

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

**EVENT:** Lowell      **DATE:** 8/21/2013

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

S U P T	Bradbury, Jerry	MEDIC				
	Clark, Keith	MEDIC				
	Regan, Tim	MEDIC	X			
	Russell, Wes	MEDIC				
	Cooper, Paul	Support				
	<b>NAME</b>	<b>DEPT</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>IN-ROUTE</b>	
S H E R I F F	Abrams, Ryan - MEDIC	MSO				
	Buckley, Bill - MEDIC	MSO				
	Carder, Greg	MSO				
	Cassidy, Shane	MSO				
	Chaput, Scot	MSO	X			
	Corindia, Joe	MSO				
	Fagan, Justin	MSO	X			
	Gianino, Nick	MSO				
	Gianion, Dennis	MSO	X			
	Gudewich, Mike	MSO	X			
	Karelak, George	MSO	X			
	Ledbury, Todd	MSO	X			
	Maloney, Rick	MSO	X			
	McManus, Brian	MSO	X			
	Slauta, Dan	MSO	X			
	Soldani, Robert	MSO				
	Sotirakos, George	MSO				
		<b>NAME</b>	<b>DEPT</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>IN-ROUTE</b>
	K 9	Connors, Michael	Andover			
Ellenton, Justin		Danvers				
Fogg, Mike		Waltham				
Genovese, Chris		Gloucester	X			
Harring, John		Billerica				
Hogan, Michael		Arlington				
Kinney, Brian		Lowell				
Palmer, Eric		Wilmington				
Papsedero, Joe		Burlington	X			
Peladeau, Corey		Westford				
Picallo, Al		Tewksbury				
Toumyan, Sylvia		Concord				
Tsoukalas, Mark		Billerica				



<b>I</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>DEPT</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>IN-ROUTE</b>
	Arnold, Scott	Waltham			
	Buckley, William, Capt	MSO			
	Burnham, Ken	Lynnfield FD			
	Cassidy, Shane	MSO			
	D'Agostino, Phil	Watertown			
<b>M</b>	Davis, Damien	MSO			
	Dragone, Lauren	Newton			
<b>T</b>	Eldridge, Frank, Sgt.	Newton	X		
	Foley, Mike	Arlington			
	Griffin, Michael	Salem			
	Henderson, Brian, Sgt	Newton	X		
	Keefe, Brian	Lowell			
	Malm, Chris	Wakefield			
	Mathers, David	Amesbury			
	Mondalto, Jamie	Danvers			
	Poutas, Stacy	Newton			
	Riccio, James	Belmont			
	Russo, Richard, Sgt	Beverly			
	Rudolph, Mark, Lt.	Medford	X		
	Ryan, Christopher	Andover			
	Scafidi, Jeff	Armstrong			
	Scholtz, William, Sgt.	Amesbury			
	Skory, Steve, Lt	Wakefield			
	Simonds, Dave	Woburn			
	Spinosa, David	Lexington			
	Stokes, Keegan	Salem			
	Thibodeau, Joseph, Sgt	N. Reading			
	Trombly, James	Contractor			
	Vinciulla, Jeffrey	Bedford	X		
	Vestri, Fabrizio	Pepperell			

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DEPT</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>IN-ROUTE</b>
Fram, Thomas, Capt.	Methuen			
Sheehan, Timothy, Chief	Tewksbury	X		
Begonis, Michael, Chief	Wilmington	X		
Fisher, John, Chief	Carlisle	X		
Picariello, Robert, Chief	Marblehead			
Palma, Donald, Chief	Groton			
Ray, Mark, Chief	Beverly			

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