

passing by the knife and it would be easily accessible to him. Ofc. Schuster and Ofc. Wesel cleared the occupants out of apartments 19 and 21 as a precaution. We then briefly discussed a plan should Hanson rush us at the door or should he grab the knife.

After dispatch's attempts to call Hanson were unsuccessful I knocked on the door. Hanson asked who was at the door and I identified myself as "Teresa." Hanson asked "Teresa who?" I replied "Teresa Selby." I felt, based on Hanson's agitated demeanor, that he would be more likely to come to the door if I did not use my title, Sgt. Selby. I had already checked the door and it was locked.

Hanson again asked who Teresa Selby was and I identified myself as an Ashland Police Officer. Upon identifying myself a police officer Hanson got even more agitated. Hanson yelled at the person on the phone and was angry that the person had called police. Hanson was cursing loudly and I could hear him stomping his feet and throwing what sounding like dishes.

Officer Wesel maintained her visual of Hanson and stated that he was drinking an unknown type of liquid. Officer Wesel stated that Hanson was guzzling the liquid and it was her opinion given the circumstances that the liquid he was consuming was to harm himself. I tried to establish communication with Hanson but he stated that he was not going to open the door and yelled for us to leave. I pleaded with Hanson to talk to me and advised him that we were concerned about his welfare. I advised Hanson that we had been sent to his apartment after dispatchers received a report that he may want to harm himself. Hanson did not deny that he was going to attempt to kill himself and yelled at us to leave. Hanson's speech was loud and fast and he was so emotional he was hard to understand. Based on the information received from dispatch and Hanson's behavior I felt he was an imminent danger to himself and possibly other people if he chose to attempt "suicide by cop." Ofc. Wesel's description of him guzzling the liquid led me to believe that he had ingested some sort of poison or medication. I felt that the danger outweighed the risk of forcing entry into Hanson's apartment because of Hanson's location in the kitchen, his violent behavior (stomping around, yelling, throwing dishes) and the ready access to knives. I advised Ofc. Wesel to maintain her visual when she expressed concern over Hanson's actions.

At approximately 2136 hours Officer Wesel advised that Hanson had passed out and crumpled to the ground. I asked Officer Wesel if Hanson could possibly be acting and she stated that she believed he had truly lost consciousness. She stated that he had crumpled to the ground and did not make any attempt to protect himself from injury.

I advised Ofc. Wesel to continue to watch the subject. I then positioned myself in front of the door and attempted to force the door using my left shoulder and body. I have been to the apartments at 135 Lincoln St. on several occasions over the last 14 years and thought that the doors were hollow core. I impacted the door with as much force as I could muster but only succeeded in lightly bowing the door. I injured my left shoulder and ribs with the force of the impact. I again impacted the door with my left shoulder with less force to test the sturdiness of the door. It quickly became apparent that I would not be able to force entry into the apartment in this manner so I attempted several kicks near the door knob and dead bolt in an attempt to weaken the frame. The door continued to hold so I moved to the screen covered portion of the living room window. I started striking the screen covered portion with my flashlight in an attempt to break the window. My intent was to break the window and use the screen to prevent glass from flying back at me. When Ofc. Wesel saw what I was doing she warned for me to protect my eyes from the flying glass. While I attempted to break the window Ofc. Schuster' started impacting the door with his shoulder. During Ofc. Schuster's first