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CPD Officer Utilizes Crisis Intervention Training to Calm Tense Domestic Incident

CHICAGO – On July 20, 2016 at approximately 2:30pm officers responded to a call of a domestic-related call of a person with a knife in the 5600 block of North Keystone Ave. Responding officers were met by the subject's wife outside the residence. The female victim, 43, explained her husband cut her hand with a knife, but luckily she was able to escape from the house. The victim sustained minor injuries and refused EMS on scene.

Officers soon encountered the subject, 44, when he opened the door to the residence. He was armed with a full size axe, and stated he was not going outside. He proclaimed that if the police tried to make him leave the residence he would not hesitate to take an officer's life. The subject then retreated into the home and barricaded himself inside.

After unsuccessful attempts by officers to communicate with the subject, Officer Zanders recognized the subject to be having a mental health crisis. The officer successfully opened the lines of communication, identified the signs of mental illness, and utilized de-escalation techniques to assist the subject in his moment of crisis. Officer Zanders learned that the subject was diagnosed as bi-polar and was currently not on any medication.

After an hour of listening, Officer Zanders successfully gained the subject's trust which lead to the subject voluntarily relinquishing two knives through an opening in the first floor window. The officer convinced the subject that he really was there to help, and successfully escorted him from the residence to an awaiting ambulance. Officers recovered a full size axe, and a baseball bat which were located in a dangerous proximity to the entrance of the home. The subject was taken to Swedish Covenant Hospital where he was admitted for mental health treatment.

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