


# 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:  Jerome Street Medford 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	Date: 02/12/2013
Begin Time: 0400	End Time: 0800
# Personnel Responding: 38	On-scene Commander Lt. Chaput

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

Assist Medford DCU with serving two no knock search warrant simultaneously at  Jerome Street 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors.

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

Attachments: Roster, After Action Reports

Submitted By: Sgt. Towle

Submitted Date: 02/21/2013

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 D. Chaput  
Commanding Officer  
Dracut Police Dept.

Lt. Pat Towle  
Officer-in-Charge  
Bedford Police Dept.

TO: Lt. Stephen Chaput SWAT Commander  
FROM: Sgt. Patrick Towle SWAT OIC  
RE: SWAT Callout [redacted] Jerome Street Medford

On Tuesday February 12, 2013 the NEMLEC SWAT team was activated to assist the Medford Police Department's Drug Control Unit with serving a high risk no knock search warrant. The team was instructed to stage at Oak Grove Cemetery in Medford at 0500 hours.

On Monday February 11, 2013 at 1900 hours Lt. Vivolo and I met Det. Leo Sacco and Det. Kevin Braxton at the Medford Police Department to obtain the case background and also develop an operational plan for the mission. Det. Sacco informed us that he had received a no knock search warrant for [redacted] Jerome Street (search warrants for two vehicles also) from Somerville District Court (no docket number assigned to warrants). Det. Sacco indicated that [redacted] Jerome Street is a single family home that has been converted into three apartments, basement, first and second floor. The search warrant is for the entire building.

The occupants of [redacted] Jerome Street are involved in selling cocaine (powder and crack). [redacted] along with his wife [redacted] and according to Det. Sacco a confidential informant informed him that John Vieira has been seen with a black semi-automatic handgun on numerous occasions. Det. Sacco also informed us that [redacted] Jerome Street was the scene of a home invasion two years ago where [redacted] was shot and killed [redacted] was shot in the face. Vieira also has a long criminal history dating back to 1968.

[redacted] lives on the first floor [redacted] who sleep in the front bedroom. A family friend [redacted] n. According to Det. Sacco both [redacted] and [redacted] are involved in dealing drugs out of the first floor apartment. Det. Sacco informed us that [redacted] on several occasions had requested his confidential informant purchase an AR15 for him in New Hampshire. Det. Sacco's confidential informant is licensed to purchase in New Hampshire.

The occupant of the basement apartment [redacted] recently suffered a gunshot wound reportedly while he was cleaning a weapon in his apartment. According Det. Sacco [redacted] is out of state and should not be home when the warrant is served.

Lieutenant Vivolo, Detectives Sacco and Braxton and I performed a reconnaissance drive by of the target location. Once back at the Medford Police Department Lt. Vivolo and I developed an

operational plan. The plan called for the Alpha team to make entry into the first floor apartment from a porch door located on the two side of the house. The Bravo team would make entry into the front door then breach a second door inside the front foyer and proceed up a flight of stairs to the second floor. The Delta team would secure the perimeter and also perform a breach and hold on the basement apartment. The entry for the basement apartment was located on the 1 side of the house at the street level. A contingency plan was also covered if the team was compromised or engaged at any point during the operation.

At approximately 0530 hours on February 12, 2013 the SWAT team was assembled a case background and an operational overview was conducted and team assignments were given. The teams then met individually with their team leaders to cover specific assignments. After performing a final brief back the teams loaded into assigned vehicles and proceeded to the target location over a predetermined route. The order of vehicles was Alpha – grey van, Bravo – white van, Delta – blue van followed by the Bearcat.

At approximately 0600 hours the team arrived at the target location and unloaded from the vans. Once in position both the Alpha and Bravo teams breached and made entry. The Alpha team upon making entry encountered [REDACTED] the kitchen area where he was taken into custody without incident by Sgt. Max. [REDACTED] was located in the rear bedroom where he was taken into custody without incident by Operator O'Leary. The [REDACTED] were located in the front bedroom. After conducting a secondary search the apartment was turned over to the Medford Detectives.

Once the Bravo team made entry into the second floor apartment [REDACTED] was located in the bathroom. (Later learned [REDACTED] was flushing drugs down the toilet) [REDACTED] was taken into custody without incident by Sgt. Heller and Lt. Vivolo. The suspect's wife was located in the bedroom and placed in a chair in the kitchen. After conducting a secondary search the apartment was turned over to the Medford detectives.

The Delta team after securing the perimeter breached the basement apartment door and made entry into the apartment. A search of the apartment determined that nobody was in the apartment.

Once back at the staging area the operation was debriefed and then the team was dismissed. The hours of the operation were 0400 – 0800 hours.

The Alpha team consisted of the following operators;

1. Troaino – Shield
  2. O'Leary – Ram
  3. Scitina – Halogen
  4. DiChara – Long Arm
  5. Frechette – Hands Free
  6. Ferguson – Long arm
  7. Fay – TL
  8. Cogswell – Less Lethal
  9. Max – Taser
  10. Saia – Long Arm, Taser
  11. McDonough – ATL
  12. Shelly – Long Arm
- Grey van – driver Det. Braxton MPD

The Bravo Team consisted of the following operators;

1. Bourque – Shield

2. Dorsey – Long Arm
  3. Heller – Handgun, Taser
  4. Vivolo – TL
  5. McCarthy – ATL
  6. Gualtieri – Hands Free, Taser
  7. Shackelford – Less Lethal
  8. Rego – Halogen
  9. Dicker – Ram
- White van – driver CNT Fogarty

The Delta team consisted of the following operators;

1. Keins – Shield
  2. Vaglica – Long Arm
  3. Noonan – Long Arm
  4. Palmer – Ram
  5. Seamans – TL
  6. Fuller – ATL
  7. Callahan – Long Arm
  8. Surrette – Driver Bearcat to location, Halogen
- Blue van – driver CNT Peaslee

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

**EVENT: Medford Warrant**

**DATE: 02-12-2013**

**TIMES: 0400 - 0800**

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

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

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NAME	DEPT	PRESENT	ABSENT	IN-ROUTE	Comment - Assignment
Harring, John	Billerica				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				Call Sign K-4
Kinney, Brian	Lowell	X			Call Sign K-11 - Armorer
Peladeau, Corey	Westford				Call Sign K-5
Toumyan, Slyvia	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			Armorer
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			IMT CP
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	X			IMT CP
Ryan, Christopher	Andover				
Scaffidi, 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			Armorer
Vestri, Fabrizio	Pepperell				

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