

THE CITY OF SEATTLE, PLAINTIFF

VS

LYLES, CHARLEENA C, DEFENDANT

CASE NO.: 625215

Seattle Police Department
Report Narrative

The excerpt from the attached Seattle Police Department General Offense Report 17-200822 is hereby submitted to the Court by the Seattle City Attorney's Office. The City reserves the right to supplement.



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[] Suicide behaviors, threat/attempt [] Mania
[X] Out of touch with reality [X] Hallucinations / Delusions
[] Other []

THREATS / VIOLENCE / WEAPONS:

Did subject use / brandish a weapon? [Yes]

Type of weapon (check all that apply)

[] Knife [] Gun [X] Other (Specify) [Extra large scissors]

Did subject threaten violence toward another person? [Yes]

If so, to whom? [Officers Legg and Bauer]

INCIDENT INJURIES:

Were there any injuries during the incident? [No]

If yes, please describe:

[]

TECHNIQUES USED:

[X] VERBALIZATION

[X] HANDCUFFS

[X] REPORTABLE FORCE USED

DISPOSITION (Check all that apply)

[] Unable to Contact

[] Chronic Complaint

[] Social Service / Alcohol and Drug / Treatment Referral

[] Resources Offered / Declined

[] MCT (Mobile Crisis Team)

[] GRAT (Geriatric Regional Assessment Team)

[] Shelter

[] No Action Possible / Necessary

[X] Case Manager / MH Agency Notified

[] DMHP / Referral

[] Crisis Clinic

[] Emergent Detention / ITA Hospital: []

[] Voluntary Committal Hospital: []

[X] Arrested

If no arrest, chargeable offense? []

NARRATIVE:

[On 06/05/2017, at about 1125 hours, I was working in full uniform driving a fully marked patrol car operating at 2U11. I was dispatched to the address [REDACTED] for what was initially dispatched as a physical domestic disturbance. The location is a large multi-unit apartment complex.



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I arrived in the area and conducted an area check for the suspect. He reportedly had fled the location before the police arrived. While in the area searching, Officers Legg and Bauer requested immediate assistance at the unit. The complainant for the initial call, Charleena Lyles, had armed herself with a pair of extra long metal shears and was threatening the officers.

I responded immediately to the building and went to the apartment. The door was ajar and I went inside. The apartment was small and cluttered. I saw a female seated on a couch in the living room with a small child seated beside her. Officer Bauer was across the room in front of the female using a different couch as a physical barrier. Officer Legg was off to the female's right side nearby the kitchen. Both officers had their service pistols drawn to the low ready position and were within 8-10 feet of the armed female. Officer Legg was giving the female clear and concise commands to drop the scissors and put them on the floor. I was advised she had armed herself with a pair of long shears and was refusing to put them down. I learned later that at one point prior to my arrival the female had stood up with the scissors in her hand and told the officers, "Ain't none of y'all leaving here today!" Both Officers Bauer and Legg told me they felt fearful for their safety and believed the statement was threatening in nature.

Additional patrol units including Sgts. Borjeson and Barker responded to assist and oversee the call. The female complainant was later identified as Charleena Lyles. I attempted to engage Lyles in dialogue and compel her to drop the scissors. Officer Bauer at this time was still in the living room and unable to leave without getting dangerously close to Lyles. Lyles was making several unusual comments such as wanting to "morph into a wolf" and was talking about "cloning her daughter." She also made several unusual religious comments talking about how the police officers were devils and also members of the KKK. Lyles' 4-year old daughter was now sitting in her lap and crawling around her waist. After repeatedly asking Lyles to drop the scissors, she let the scissors fall to the floor between her feet.

Lyles was asked to step away from the scissors and she refused. Again, after several tense moments, I was able to convince Lyles to move over to the other couch and away from the scissors. Lyles' 4-year old had an apparent developmental disability, she was calming down, and she was separated from the scissors, so we continue to engage her in conversation. We were able to get some phone numbers for nearby family members and they eventually responded to the scene. After the family arrived, Lyles' daughter was handed over to her sister named Monika Williams, and we were able to take Lyles into custody without incident. She was placed into handcuffs which were double locked for her safety.

Lyles had a younger son at the Childhaven facility on Broadway in Seattle, and 2 other older children in elementary school. We made arrangements with her sister Monika Williams to also take her other children temporarily. The scissors were taken and submitted into evidence, and digital photos were also taken to photo-document the scene. After talking with Lyles' family, we learned that Lyles has experienced a recent sudden and rapid decline in her



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mental health. When we explained to her family the behavior and statements Lyles made to us, they were suprised and informed us she has not had any behavior similar to this in the past. Lyles' family is concerned for her and they have a strong desire to stabilize her mental health condition before it gets worse.

Lyles was transported to the North Precinct where she was placed into a holding cell awaiting booking at the King County Jail for Harassment, SMC 12A.06.040. It was determined that Lyles acted in such a manner where she intentionally caused alarm to Officers Bauer and Legg after she repeatedly used words and actions to create a substantial risk of assault. This case should be forward to mental health court.]

I hereby declare (certify) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that this report is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief (RCW 9A.72.085)

Electronically signed:

LIM, DAVIDSON

Date:

Jun-05-2017

Place: Seattle, WA