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Knife-Wielding Suspect Shot by Toledo Police

Toledo, OH (April 17, 2024): On April 17, 2024, Toledo Police officers responded to a disorder in the 1600 block of Vance St. Upon arrival, officers made contact with the suspect’s elderly grandmother who had a stab wound to her face. She informed officers that her young great grandchildren were inside the residence with the suspect. Officers were eventually forced to shoot the suspect to rescue the children.

At approximately 8:15 AM, officers responded to the 1600 block of Vance in reference to a disorder. Upon arrival, contact was made with the suspect’s elderly grandmother and neighbors. The grandmother, who had a stab wound to her face, stated that her granddaughter “just went off” and was talking about demonic things. She also informed officers that her great grandchildren, ages 10, 6, and 2, were inside of the house at 1623 Vance with the suspect. As officers approached the front door of the house, they attempted to speak to the suspect through the front door. The suspect could then be heard barricading the door. Officers were eventually able to open the door slightly, and could see that the suspect was still armed with a knife before the door was closed again. Officers could then hear the children screaming from inside the house, and attempted to force entry. As officers pushed the door open, the suspect attempted to stab one of the officers. Another officer fired at the suspect, and the door closed again. Other officers then began arriving on scene, including a member of the Critical Incident Negotiator Team. A front window was broken out by officers, and a taser was unsuccessfully deployed. The children then ran to the back of the house followed by the suspect. Officers forced entry into the house finding that the suspect and her children were in the attic. Negotiation attempts were made, but proved unsuccessful. SWAT team members arrived, and opened the attic door enough to see all three children. The suspect began walking towards the children holding the knife. A SWAT officer shot the suspect causing her to go to the ground. She then stood back up and continued toward the children with the knife. The officer shot the suspect a second time. Officers were then able to enter the attic, take the suspect into custody, and rescue the children. Officers rendered aid to the suspect who was then transported to an area hospital by the Toledo Fire and Rescue Department for treatment.

The Toledo Police officers who fired their weapons will be placed on paid Administrative Leave per collective bargaining agreements. As the case continues to be investigated, additional information will be forthcoming. The involved officers’ information and body-worn camera footage will be released at a news conference in the near future, date and time to be determined.

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