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At about 3:00 a.m., after a quarrel with a girlfriend, a 34 year old Albany man first punched and broke the side view mirror of a relative's car, then stumbled into her home, smashing the glass of the storm door with his fist. When he took up a knife saying he would use it on himself, the woman called police and retreated to a locked bedroom. Officer Edward Ashley responded and took the man into protective custody.

In other protective custody cases;

The teenage mother of a newborn, living at home with her own mother, became overwhelmed with the stress in her life and told mother that her only choice to deal with her burden was to end her own life. Officer Warren Kretzschmar responded and took the depressed woman into protective custody.

A 49 year old, who lives at her aunt's house in town, became highly intoxicated and dropped to the floor, saying she wanted to die. Unable to help her, the aunt called police. Officer Edward Witko responded and determined the troubled lady should be held in protective custody.

A 74 year old nursing home resident walked away and was found wandering along busy Troy Road. Nursing home staff responded and attempted to persuade her to return but she would have none of that, pushed them away and announced her intention to walk to Cohoes. When Officer Edward Ashley arrived to assist, she raised her arms in a fighting stance and stated that she knew Judo. At that point she was taken into protective custody.

A 20 year old town man opened his Facebook page and proceeded to video himself as he began cutting his forearm with a knife. Friends saw what was happening and called police. Officer Michael Herrington responded to the man's residence and found him standing in his kitchen with lacerations to his arm. He said it was all about problems with a girl. He was taken into protective custody.

While in protective custody, all individuals receive services at Samaritan Hospital's regional mental health reception center for evaluation, counseling and family assistance on a case by case basis. Refer to source above for additional information.