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Officers Safely Intervene During Mental Health Crisis at Valor Pointe

MONROE TOWNSHIP, NJ — On August 7, 2026, the Monroe Township Police Department responded to Valor Pointe Apartments after a resident contacted the department requesting assistance while experiencing a mental health crisis. A portion of the Valor Pointe community is dedicated to providing housing for veterans.

Upon arrival, officers were met at the door by an individual armed with a kitchen knife. The individual began using the knife to harm himself, creating an immediate danger of serious injury.

Officers Kevin Ging, Daniel Lang, and Kamrin O'Neill quickly intervened and were able to safely disarm and restrain the individual, preventing him from causing further harm to himself. The incident was brought under control without injury to the responding officers.

Monroe Township EMS subsequently transported the individual to a local medical facility for further evaluation and treatment.

"Our officers were faced with a difficult and rapidly evolving situation and responded with professionalism, restraint, and compassion," said Chief Griffin Banos. "Their actions helped ensure this individual could receive the care he needed."

The Monroe Township Police Department reminds residents that help is available for those experiencing a mental health crisis. New Jersey residents can call or text 988 to reach the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, which provides free, confidential support 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Veterans and service

members can call 988 and press 1 to connect with the Veterans Crisis Line. Anyone facing an immediate threat to life or safety should call 911.