

## Intro

These police officers are trapped in a night of horror with a deranged killer taking children for hostages. And he is not planning to let anyone out alive.

In the dead of the night, it is hard to see him but the killer watches their every move.

No one can say for sure whether these officers will be able to rescue the kids in time or even if they will make it out alive themselves

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If they end up becoming a prey themselves.

## The beginning

On July 27, 2021, a family in Riverside, Ohio, had just opened their front door to what they thought was a routine delivery, but within moments, it turned into a living nightmare. They realized they had not let in a package, but something far more terrifying. All this had begun with a chilling 911 call.

A 9-year-old girl and her stepfather are being held at gunpoint, but the Riverside Police Department is down to just three officers tonight. Sergeant James Vance is the closest and heads out immediately, with Officer Matthew Jackson not too far behind. They move in without lights or sirens to keep the element of surprise in their favor, **but neither knows it's they who are not ready for how explosive and personal it is about to become.**

The silent residential area gave no hint about the horrifying situation that is unfolding right now and **is mere moments away from turning into violent chaos.** The first sign of trouble came when the 911 caller was found in the middle of the road waving the sergeant down.

The quiet residential street gave no hint of the horror that was unfolding until the officer spotted the 911 caller in the middle of the road, frantically waving him down. **Neither of them**

**realise that a violent confrontation is just moments away.**

What this sergeant can not see in the dark was that the danger has already moved outside of the house. Although he can not see the suspect, he is seeing him right now. What began as a hostage situation is about to escalate into a live manhunt and an active battleground in the next moment.

A bullet has just scraped past the left side of this sergeant's jaw, leaving him inches away from being dead right at this moment. Not only does he have to shoot back in the dark, but he is also shielding the 911 caller. However, the problems would only increase further when the suspect begins moving while the hostages run amok in panic.

At the same moment, the suspect is slipping away to the neighbouring yard, and the little girl has come out with loosened duct tape clinging to her mouth, And the panicked stepfather is trying to find a safe space.

With the suspect knowing stepfather's name, it appears like a personal grudge. But the sergeant cannot shake the instinctive feeling that although this family is safe for now, it is only a matter of time before the suspect finds his next hostage. He desperately hopes officers Richard Perfetti and Matthew would reach quickly but decides to go after the suspect, all alone.

Officer Matthew, on the other hand, is this time coming in full speed with lights and sirens to provide back up to his partner, who is going deeper into the danger by the minute. The whole neighborhood is potentially moments away from another violent confrontation. But little did they know that it is Officer Matthew who is nearer to the suspect than anyone else.

While Officer Vance was circling around the block, it was Officer Matthew who spotted the suspect near a driveway. He radioed it in and now both the officers are driving straight towards it.

Both officers are now in the danger zone where the suspect was last seen. He could be anywhere around, keeping a close watch on the officers and ready to strike at any moment. But the officers do have one tactical advantage over him.

As the officers struggle to pin down their ever moving suspect, the radio informs them of a new suspected location. It sparks a fragile hope that this chase could finally end but at this point the night just does not seem to be ending that easily.

After a long night for these officers, law enforcement from nearby towns including Dayton has now joined to track the dangerous fugitive. **He has been one step ahead so far and he is about to do it, again.**

These officers are finally getting a moment to regroup and strategize believing the suspect might have fled instead of fight. **But they are dead wrong as in the very next moment they would be thrown right back into the action.**

**The officers now know for sure; the suspect isn't running anymore. And that leaves them with a chilling question: is he firing at a family or at one of their own?**

The officers at this point still believe they might be his only targets but like players trapped in a twisted video game, they are about to realize they have stepped into a nightmare. One where their worst fears are about to come true, as they knock on doors, desperate to warn neighbors and talk him down before it is too late.

They finally know there's no longer a peaceful way out.

What they feared most has just become reality; the suspect appears to have infiltrated another home and taken a new hostage. **It is a do and die situation and it is yet to be seen who comes out alive.**

As the officers began walking inside the house, they brace themselves for a confrontation, expecting something violent. **In the next moment, they are about to come face to face with the suspect. But not in a way they would expect.**

The suspect is seen lying on the floor, leaving the officers to wonder whether he is injured. He could also be laying an evil plan, waiting for them just to get close enough. So, the officers keep going with their guards on.

A single shot that had been fired a few minutes ago bringing them back to action was actually the suspect taking his own life, something that Sergeant Vance did not yet know.

A cop's worst nightmare was over, but it had clearly taken a mental toll on the officers involved. Especially Officer Vance, the first and only man on the scene.

The suspect was later identified as 39-year-old Kevlin Wallace. He had posed as a delivery driver before taking the family hostage. His motive was unclear, but his violent past wasn't. With charges like kidnapping and armed robbery in his record, Wallace was ready to kill the officers and himself. He was more than capable of hurting the little girl and her stepfather. But the timely arrival of a short-staffed police team saved their lives just in time.

### **Transitional Hook**

**If this case was a narrow escape, the next one in Ohio seemed impossible. Another group of kids, another close call but this time, the danger was already inside the house. And once again, the clock started ticking the moment a 911 call was made.**

### **Crime Scene**

On April 23, 2022, A man in Uniontown, Cleveland, Ohio, dangerously close to exploding an entire neighborhood along with his own children any second now. Police rush without wasting a second.

Upon reaching, this officer manages to get the suspect himself over the call. But he has only one shot to make the suspect change his mind.

It is neither the first time the officers have had to deal with this difficult and dangerous man named Jason Mathew Tyo, nor his first pulling stunts with firearms.

He has been a source of trouble for these officers and a reason for police complaints for about two months now.

But every time, he would be detained, the police could not keep him for more than a day on the charges applicable. However, within 8 hours of his last bail, he is making them regret it more than ever.

Because of Jason's dangerous past, the officer knew his only shot was to persuade him over the call to release the children.

The call leaves it clear that the only way they are all going home tonight is to keep their eyes peeled. In a three-story building, the suspect could be hiding anywhere, and one wrong move could turn this from dangerous to deadly in an instant.

The officers move fast, deciding to secure the house's blind spots. But to do that, they'll need backup and they'll need it now.

Now the situation is spiraling out of control. They have started to hear the madness Jason had promised. They are running out of time, and without a solid strategy, they are not saving anyone.

As officers quietly work on tactics to get inside without alerting Jason, they keep him on the phone. If they fail to convince him, it would at least keep him distracted. **But if this was terrifying, what they learn from the next call would leave them shaken like never before.**

These threats are especially horrifying because the officers know Jason has the kind of commercial firearms capable of what he says. The conflict is that they cannot back out, leaving the girls in the care of Jason, and if they break in, chances are they all die. **There was no easy way out/no safe option, but what Jason did next left them completely stunned.**

Some of these officers immediately back down into the shadows, away from the sight of their maniac suspect. They stand hidden but terrifyingly close just below the deck with their breaths sucked in.

**They don't know it yet, but they are at the right place at the right time.**

Within the next few moments, they are going to make an accidental discovery; The victims, the ones they thought were locked away somewhere deep inside, **are much closer than anyone knew.**

This is the moment the officers realized the girls had come closer to the window pane. It is likely the only chance they would ever get to reach them, and so they let go of their safety and decided to directly interact with the children.

The officers are unaware of where the suspect is right at this moment, **but they have a rather unconventional rescue brewing in their minds that might shock the suspect.**

This officer has just found a neighbour's unit unlocked, and he aims to look for something that could help the girl down.

For this kid to come down without a ladder, she would need to dangle herself from the third-story window and then jump to the deck below her - an intimidating task for a 9-year-old girl, **but they hold their breath for what is to come next.**

In a most unbelievable turn of events and with a little help from the girl herself, the officers manage to rescue one of the hostages when no one expected it.

But this rescue is far from complete until they save another girl, and getting her out the same way seems unlikely given that she is even younger.

With one success, visibly bolder and quicker in their approach, these officers are sneaking a peek into where their suspect has been all this time. **The silence inside the house is unsettling, and in the next few minutes, it will be decided who, if anyone, makes it out alive.**

Officers breach the house, but the smoke is thicker than they feared. **They have no idea who is on the other side of it, the suspect, the victim, or neither.**

As these officers try their best for the little girl to hear them, **they are in for another surprise of the day.**

After getting hold of the little girl safe and sound, the officers do not risk going into the thick smoke looking for Jason.

However, hours later, the firefighters would find Jason dead in the back room on the second floor.

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But the house still held one final secret. Hours later, firefighters would make a grim discovery: Jason's lifeless body, found in a back room on the second floor.

One of the many strange things about this case is that Jason had died of the same smoke inhalation that ironically the little girls and his victims somehow survived.

The motive behind Jason's actions that night and the previous two months could never be understood. But as for the victims, sometimes, all it takes is just a few minutes of time between life and death. Thankfully, these cops arrived just in time, saving the day.

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We may never fully understand what drove Jason over the edge. But what matters most is this: when it counted the most, these officers showed up just in time. And because of that, the kids made it out alive.

Ryan said that Ann Plotkin, a friend of his, had brought Vito Riserveto into his life, saying the man needed support.