



In Federal Way, Washington, this April, police were called in response to a 911 call of domestic violence involving a firearm. When the officers arrived at the apartment complex parking lot, they found two males one in his early 20's, and an elderly man in his 60's, who had died of gunshot wounds. Moving into the building, officers determined that there were an additional two bodies, one belonging to the shooters live-in girlfriend, and another which was a fellow resident of the apartment complex who had instructed others to call 911. This resident, after giving the instructions to others to call for help, retreated inside his apartment, but was shot through the door with a shotgun.

When police secured the scene, the suspect was determined to be hiding in an emergency exit staircase. During the encounter, police instructed the suspect to disarm, and emerge into view, which the suspect refused to do. After the suspect refused to cooperate, police opened fire due to the risk posed with the shooter being still armed, and having just killed four people. The suspect was shot by the



officers, but managed to run to a nearby parking garage where he again attempted to hide. Police followed the suspect, and again advised that they would open fire if the shooter did not comply with their directions, which he did not. The suspect was hit several more times and killed as police observed him trying to reach for a handgun.

What began as a lovers murder, ended with the deaths of three additional people who had tried to intervene. In situations where violence has taken place, the best course of action is often to stay concealed behind a locked door, and move away from the windows and entryways before contacting the authorities.