



# EMERYVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## PROFESSIONAL

### SERVICES DIVISION

#### 20-17 Training Bulletin

To: Officers and Dispatchers

From: Officer M. Shepherd

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Re: Suicide by Cop Cases

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Recent studies of Officer Involved Shootings reveal that many OIS incidents are acts of Suicide by Cop (SbC) committed by subjects who are suffering with mental illness.

Please review the following case laws and check list with your teams to have a better understanding of tactics, de-escalation, and interview techniques with the goal of reducing violent encounters with suicidal subjects thereby reducing the number of SbC incidents.

Sevier v. City of Lawrence

Adams v. City of Fremont

Buchanan v. San Jose

Nehad v. Browder

The goal of this training bulletin is to have Officers have a better understanding of SbC and be better equipped to identify precursors and potential incidents of SbC in the hopes of reducing violent encounters with suicidal subjects.

When Health Professionals are reporting patient welfare checks, it is imperative to gather as much information on the patient as possible for a response plan. The information gathering is granted per HIPPA 45 CFR 164.512(j)(1)(i) - law enforcement official reasonably able to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to the health or safety of an individual or the public.

<https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/faq/505/what-does-the-privacy-rule-allow-covered-entities-to-disclose-to-law-enforcement-officials/index.html>

