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Dear Members of the Police Civilian Oversight Board,

I suggest that except in the most extreme cases, the Madison Police be prohibited from using firearms when dealing with people in emotional health crisis who are unarmed or who are armed with items such as kitchen knives or garden tools.

Over the last few years, Madison police when responding to people in emotional health crisis, have used their firearms to kill the person.

In 2013 police shot to death chronically depressed 59 year old Charlie G. Carll who was holding the kitchen knife with which he had stabbed himself in a suicide attempt.

In 2016 Michael William Schumacher while suffering a mental health crisis was shot to death while holding a garden tool.

The Madison police are equipped with personal protective equipment including helmets, face marks, body armor, and shields.

They are armed with less lethal equipment such as batons.

Please view the two short videos linked below.

They show police from other countries successfully using various sticks and poles such as sasumata poles, to disarm and restrain citizens with knives.

The time has come for Madison police to be trained in procedures while in their personal protective gear and with additional less lethal equipment such as longer batons and samsuta poles to disarm and restrain people in emotional health crisis unarmed or armed with kitchen knives or garden tools.

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Thank you,

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