

Police use Taser to subdue suspect

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"He sees police, grabs Pearl by the neck and throws her to the floor," said Rudall. Then he began kicking her, he said.

One of the officers smashed the patio door in the kitchen to get in. Once inside officers found the man had Pearl at knifepoint. June said the knife was from their kitchen.

Just then Const. John Ivey arrived and Rudall who was equipped with a Taser was enroute. The officers who had their guns drawn were within about a second of shooting the suspect Rudall said, when he arrived with a Taser. Only sergeants carry Tasers, not constables.

Pearl was on the floor with the suspect kneeling over her, his knees holding down her upper body and the knife held against her throat.

The officers yell 'Taser' to Rudall as he arrives, which he already had drawn. Rudall deploys the Taser and the suspect releases Pearl.

He said the Taser didn't completely subdue the man and he was still very "assaultive." It took four officers to restrain him.

In the meantime Pearl had run in

her bare feet over the shattered glass on the kitchen floor and out the patio door to the road.

She didn't cut her feet, but she had some bruises on her legs, and a cut on her hand from the incident.

"The Georgetown police were marvelous," said Pearl.

Det. Sgt. Nick Millinovich said the man had broken into the home about 8 a.m. and took Pearl captive when she found him trying to steal items from the home.

"If it wasn't for Pearl we wouldn't have known a thing about it," said Rudall. "He had all the power and she still had her wits about her to pick up the phone and call us."

He said Pearl is being recommended for a citizen's bravery award. Pearl spent last week at her son's home in Toronto.

John James Rodney Hill, 28, of no fixed address, is charged with break and enter, robbery, forcible confinement, assault with a weapon, possession of a dangerous weapon, uttering threats and assaulting a peace officer with intent to resist arrest. He was to be in Milton court Monday (July 9) for a bail hearing.



Police will recommend that a citizen bravery award go to Pearl.

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