

## Schreiber OPP disarm man who was threatening to committ suicide with a shotgun

A potentially dangerous situation was resolved peacefully after the Schreiber OPP were called to deal with a man who threatened to kill himself and anyone who came near him.

"It was a situation where a fellow went off the deep-end, and he was threatening suicide," said Sgt. Andy Templar of the Schreiber Detachment.

The incident took place about two weeks ago, and Templar says they were notified by a person that the suicidal individual had contacted.

"We received a call from a person that this individual had phoned," Templar said. "And as soon as they start phoning somebody, they're looking for help."

Constables Roland, Thomas and Bannon arrived at the scene, where they discovered that the man was armed with a shotgun.

"He threatened to shoot himself," Templar said. "And there was some threats that if the police came to the build-

ing, he was going to open fire."

Fortunately, the man was talked out of doing anything violent with the help of the person who had contacted the OPP.

"The person kept talking to the individual because they had a repore going," Templar said. "Our men were standing by until the individual came out of the house, with empty hands,"

"No shots were fired, and no one was injured," Templar added.

The whole ordeal lasted about two hours, and the person was alone in the house, Templar said.

"Once he was out of the house, he was immediately taken to the hospital for an examination by a doctor," he said.

"In cases like these, if the doctor feels that no further medical treatment is required, a Form One document under the Mental Health Act is issued and the patient is transported up to the Lakehead Psychiatric Hospital."

**"These things can be pretty damn dangerous at times . . . but no shots were fired, and no one was injured."**

**Sgt. Andy Templar**

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health issues as a priority whether or not a collective agreement is being negotiated," Wilcox said.

"These are issues we've got to be concerned about 12 months of the year."

In an interview the same day, local union president Tom Jameus agreed with Wilcox.

"As to (the court decision) having any impact on the negotiations, no," Jameus said.

"We are having some respiratory problems, but we don't know if its ventilation, air, water, or what. Because we really haven't done a study we're not really sure if its positively at Minnova."

Jameus said that the company has hired a hygienist to come in and conduct tests at the mine. He also said that, overall, Minnova's approach to dealing with their concerns has been "excellent."

"Minnova right now is taking a very positive attitude towards this situation," he said.

"They want it investigated and cleared up. I really can't say enough in that respect for the company. They're doing an excellent job on this."

Jameus also said the main reason employees voted to reject the last offer from the company was because of the long-term disability benefits package.

"The long-term disability plan is a taxable item," Jameus said. "And by the time the taxes and everything are taken off of it, our members really don't have a sufficient amount of money to live on."

Although Jameus said he was reluctant to talk about other aspects of the contract because it's still unsettled, he did say the union would like to see the offer improved, and that increased wages are "always" a concern.

"We all have to make a living," Jameus said. "And we'd all like to make the best living we possibly can."

For his part, John Wilcox said there are no plans at the moment to resume negotiations with the union.

"We concluded an agreement in Thunder Bay on Jan. 25," Wilcox said

"It was full and complete, and we think a very fair offer, which the negotiating committee agreed to accept."



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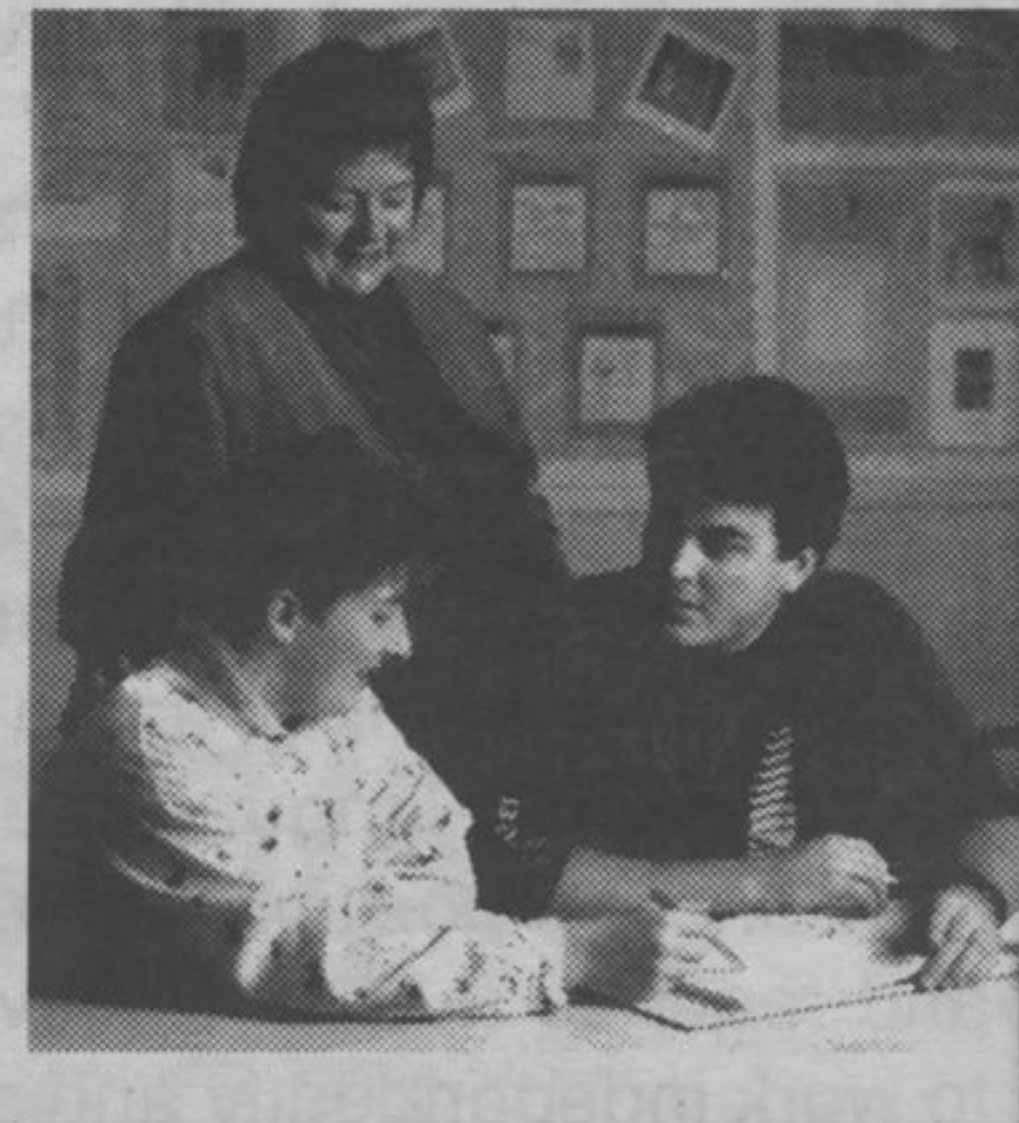
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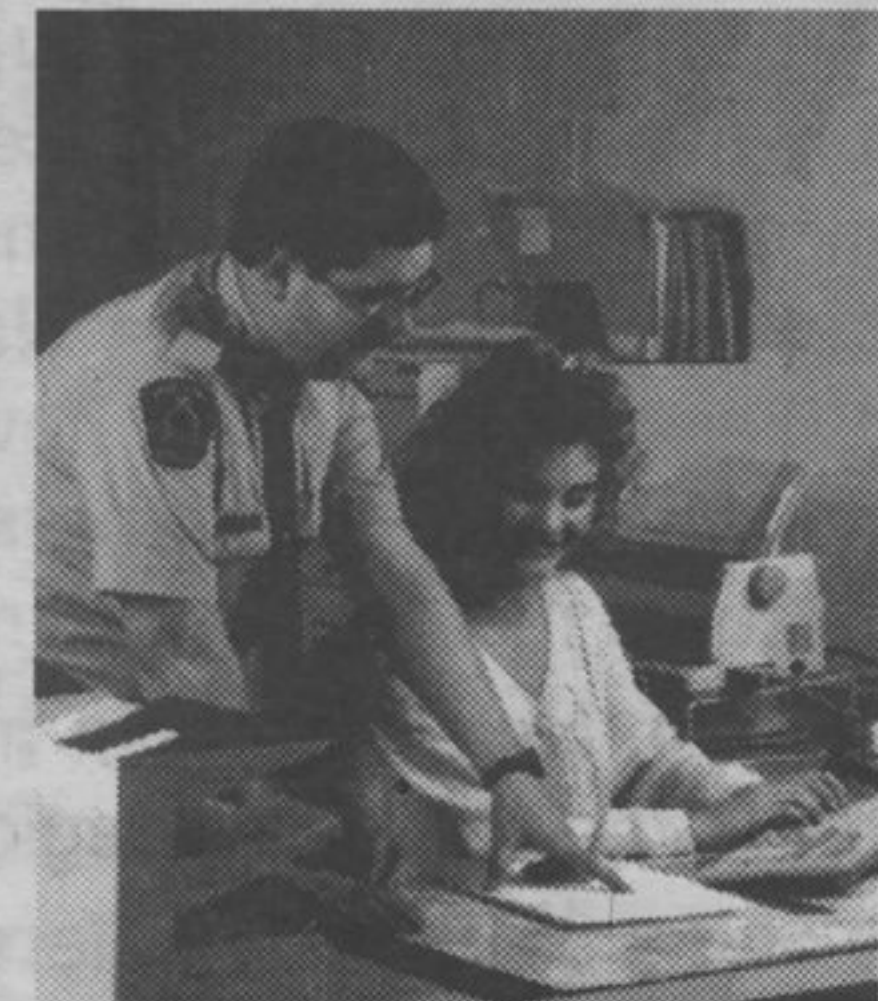
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