



# Press Release

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## **PRESS RELEASE** **January 17, 2012**

Lt. Carl Dondorfer reported that on Sunday, January 15, 2012, at 3:17 am, the Lake County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to the Cambridge Condominiums, located at 1651 Mentor Ave. unit #812 in Painesville Township, for a report of a domestic disturbance in progress involving a male with a knife. Upon arrival the Deputies located witnesses in the complex who indicated that they observed the male associated with unit #812, one Thomas Barker, age 24 from Willoughby, in the parking lot screaming.

Witnesses stated that Barker had two large butcher type knives and was threatening to kill himself in the parking lot. Witnesses also indicated that Barker chased after two women that left the condo unit. As the women were attempting to flee in their vehicle, Barker was stabbing the knife at their car, and threatening to kill the women. It was reported that Barker held onto their vehicle for a short distance as the females fled the parking lot. Witnesses stated that Barker went back into condo unit after the incident.

Deputies located the women who fled the area near the entrance to the development. One of the women was identified as victim, Kayla Doran, age 20 from unit #812. Doran stated that she and Barker had a child in common and had recently ended their relationship. Doran explained that Barker arrived at her residence unannounced and barged inside intoxicated, after which a verbal argument ensued. Doran advised that Barker grabbed some butcher knives and began threatening to kill his self, and then her. Doran advised that as she tried to flee with her friend, Barker chased after her, and continued threatening to kill himself with the knife. Barker then charged Doran's vehicle and began to stab at the car with the knife as he held onto the car while Doran tried to flee, threatening that he was going to kill her.

Doran indicated that it was her intention to file domestic violence charges against Barker. Deputies responded to unit #812 and were unable to make contact with Barker at the door. Deputies entered the residence and upon checking, located Barker hiding in a bedroom closet. Barker was not compliant and refused to show his hands so that deputies could verify that he was not in possession of a knife. Barker refused deputies commands as they tried to take custody of him. This resulted in one of the deputies utilizing a *taser unit* to gain control of Barker. Barker was taken into custody without further incident and

transported to the Lake County Jail where he was booked in and charged with Domestic Violence.

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