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Officers Safely Resolve Domestic Incident Between Knife-Wielding Man and Family

On Sunday, May 4, 2025, at approximately 6:07 PM, VMPD responded to a local residence on a report of an intoxicated man armed with a knife. The caller, a 26-year-old female, reported that she had locked herself in a room in the residence and was unable to leave due to her brother's violent threatening behavior. Upon arrival, Officers contacted the man, Mr. Jorge Cerna, a 28-year-old Mamaroneck resident. Mr. Cerna was armed with a knife and was threatening to harm himself and responding police officers. Officers engaged and attempted to de-escalate the situation with Mr. Cerna for about 10 minutes, imploring him to peacefully surrender. During the negotiation, Mr. Cerna placed the blade to his throat, approached officers with the knife, and officers engaged Cerna with a Taser. The Taser temporarily incapacitated Mr. Cerna long enough for officers to safely place him into custody. EMS responded, and Mr. Cerna was transported to White Plains Hospital for medical treatment and psychological evaluation. No family members or Officers were harmed during this incident. Officers completed a Domestic Incident report, and Cerna was placed under arrest under New York State's mandatory Family Offense provisions.

Mr. Cerna has been charged with *Unlawful Imprisonment First Degree*, an *E Felony*, and *Menacing Second Degree*, an *A Misdemeanor*.

Mr. Cerna is currently being held in a secure psychiatric facility, and upon his release, will be taken into custody by Village of Mamaroneck Officers to be processed, arraigned, and issued a Temporary Order of Protection.

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