



HIGH RISK FACTORS IN HOSTAGE/BARRICADE SITUATIONS

- () 1. The subject deliberately commits an action that he knows will cause a response from, and confrontations with, police.
- () 2. The victim is known and specifically selected by the subject, especially if the subject has had a romantic involvement with the victim, or if the victim is a family member.
- () 3. Past history of problems between the subject and the victim, severe enough to warrant police intervention especially if problems involve allegations of wife of child abuse and/or the victim has filed a complaint (e.g. obtained a restraining order) against the subject.
- () 4. Direct threats against (or actual injury to) the victim, combined with no 'substantive' demand.
- () 5. History of previous similar incidents.
- () 6. The subject has experienced multiple recent life stressors (e.g. financial loss, job loss, emotional loss, loss of self-esteem).
- () 7. Cultural background of subject emphasizes significance of 'loss of face' and/or importance of macho/male dominance in relationships.
- () 8. Lack of familial or social support system (e.g. no family or friends or chronic isolation from family).
- () 9. Verbalization of intent to commit suicide.
- () 10. Subject has given a 'verbal will' to someone or has 'set his affairs in order'.