

Dynamic Entry in Minneapolis

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On 06/28/2002 between the hours of 0030 - 0600, a victim claimed she was raped by five or more individuals at the Hells Angels Club House on Washington Avenue in Minneapolis. The individuals involved have had a violent history and numerous weapon arrests.

The Minneapolis Bomb Squad did a recon and received some information from officers who have been inside the Club House before. We knew the door was a heavy-duty steel door reinforced and it opened outward which posed a problem for us. The three hinges were located on the left side of the door. There were two deadbolts and a steel face plate attached to the door as well. There was also information on an internal handle and locking mechanism but we didn't know all the details about the inside lock.



Mike Osbeck and Dan Wulff of the
Minneapolis Bomb Squad after a successful breach

A second entrance was located inside the fenced in area but this wasn't an option for us. The fence was ten-feet high and there were cameras in this area watching the parking lot. The Club House also had outside surveillance cameras over the front door and on the roof at the SE corner of the building. There was roof access to the building but it wasn't an option because the roof was secured with barbed wire around the outside edge, plus we didn't have any Intel on the roof's hatch door.

We knew from the Intel that the Hell Angels use a door man or someone else watching the outside cameras and the high security meant that we were going to be seen approaching the Club House during the daylight hours. Now the big question was, how we are going to get inside the Club House.

We decided to enhance the water charge so our team would have less time in front of the fatal funnel. We came up with a figure that would, in effect, double the normal charge. We used 4 IV bags with and det cord. We taped in some rope and planned on using Breacher's Paste on the back side to secure it to the door and a six-foot 1 X 2 wood board to prop up the IV bags.

We planned on placing the charge at door lock height and slightly off center toward the locking mechanisms. We thought we would get enough push on the door to make an easy entry. We made several dry runs with the entry team and were ready to execute the warrant. The back up plan was to use traditional entry methods: Avon and hooligan.

The plan was to jump out just south of the address in a restaurant parking lot. We then would proceed north along the buildings to the target address. We knew by all the motorcycles parked outside the Club House that there were people inside. When we got close to the address, our commander was going to place a call to see if they wanted to cooperate. After the call was placed one of the occupants open the front door and peeked outside looking in our direction. He then secured the door with the dead bolts. We knew we were spotted and the commander gave the "go ahead" to make the entry.

We used two cover guys when placing the charge and then backed off about 15 or 20 feet to the south and initiated the breach. The hooligan guy approached the door and the door opened easily. The door probably could have been pulled open by hand. It was a good shot. The IV bags made a good indentation while one dead bolt broke off and the other stayed intact. The inside metal slide lock broke off and landed a few feet from the door.

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