

This happened to me when I was working part of a night shift by myself with one doctor. Two police officers had brought in a suicidal patient and put him in Room 7, which is at the end of the hallway, as is our policy.

The individual was finally admitted as a 302 patient. This is an involuntary admission so he wasn't very happy.

He needed to change out of his clothes into a hospital gown before he went upstairs to the Psych Floor. The Police Officers asked me to do this on my own because they were too busy to go back with me.

I went back to the room to have him change, When I was standing in front of him he said to me, "You know bitch I can kill you!" Then he put this big switch blade up to my chest. I was really scared because I thought I was going to be killed.

I screamed at the Police Officers and they came running back and took care of him. As I was the only Nurse on that night I continued to care for him until he went upstairs.

After this happened I did need to have some counseling. I also had meetings with the Police and the Hospital Administration.

No charges were ever filed.

I hope this will help you. It is very hard for me to talk about this. It seems like it happened yesterday.

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