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There is another sad story where an emotionally disturbed woman has been shot and killed by a New York City Police Officer.

According to a report given to me by the police: "A 66-year old Black woman who lived on Pugsley Avenue was inside her apartment and came out of her room toward the police with a bat."

The police were called to her building because the woman was emotionally disturbed.

The police officer who shot and killed her was White.

To me, it is very difficult to understand how a woman who is 62-years old and has emotional problems should have to die like this, especially if there are 4 or 5 police officers in the room with her."

I cannot understand why there was a need to use deadly force.

As a Bronx State Senator, I must express my opinion that police officers need to be trained for cases like this, if and only if they must shoot, they must shoot in the leg and not in the chest.

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