

Man's Suicide Attempt Hospitalizes Two Officers

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Town of Brookfield, WI – A young man attempted suicide early Wednesday morning using a method that put his family and police officers in extreme danger.

Toxic fumes overwhelmed Officer Adam Breyer at a family home in a Town of Brookfield neighborhood.

"That's when I started to realize, we've got to get out of here," Breyer told TODAY'S TMJ4 reporter Tom Murray.

A 20-year-old man mixed an often lethal household chemical blend in an apparent suicide attempt.

"It's the first time in my life I can say I actually tasted a smell," Breyer explained. "A real metallic taste."

Breyer, his partner, the young man and his father all went to the hospital.

"It's a selfish act that could have taken several lives," said Capt. Tim Imler, Breyer's supervisor.

The man used a fatal recipe that's become common in Japan suicides and is spreading online. The mix is often done in the closed confines of a car. The fumes are invisible but can be deadly with just one whiff. Some people out to take their own lives have put bio-hazard signs on their windows to warn anyone approaching.

"Unexpected personnel can open the door of a car or go into a residence and be immediately overcome," Imler said.

The Town of Brookfield Police Department recently got a nationwide law enforcement alert about so-called 'detergent suicide.' Officer Breyer immediately remembered that bulletin when he walked into that basement.

"It's nasty stuff," he said.

Breyer, his partner and the father were treated at Waukesha Memorial Hospital and released. The young man who attempted suicide remains under medical care.

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