

143 Westminster is a divided house with an upper and lower apartment.

At 4 am on June 26/2010, I was awoken to 4 police officers in my bedroom (our side door entrance was closed but unlocked) - the officer in charge (name unknown) was pointing a handgun at me and asked me my name and who else was in the house and then had one of his colleagues monitor me in my bedroom while they searched the rest of the house.

They repeatedly said they had a search warrant and arrest warrant for me. At no point did they produce this warrant to prove my name was on it and I suspect they were lying.

They woke up my wife and child upstairs while searching our apartment. They repeatedly asked me my connection to the people living in the downstairs apartment and I explained we are simply tenants living in the same building but our connection does not go further than that.

They were looking for someone named "Peter" who does not live here. After searching the entire premises, they decided it was appropriate to handcuff me and charge me with "conspiracy to commit mischief" - they did not explain why I was being charged with this, although in my opinion, they were after this "Peter" individual who was a G20 protest organizer and simply decided to arrest any male on the premises as well.

I sat in front of my house, tightly bound in handcuffs for 30 minutes, while the 8-10 officers discussed and awaited the paddy wagon. Then after discussion, they took me aside, apologized and uncuffed me, stating I was mistakenly arrested.

I have several complaints. First of all, did these officers truly have the right to enter my dwelling without my consent? (this warrant should have been for the downstairs apartment, not mine). Secondly, it was completely unnecessary to point a handgun at me - this was extremely unsettling and an exuberant response to what was a calm situation - I was sleeping with my hands in plain view.

My complaint is with the supervising officers on the case - the one who point the gun at me and the one who was in charge of executing this alleged search warrant (which was never produced). They failed to do the proper research to realize there were 2 separate tenants in this house. My family and I should have had nothing to do with this traumatic, violating event. I hope that those in charge will be held accountable for this abuse of power.