

Police Officer Fatally Shoots Tavern Patron

A 39-year-old Lansing man who refused to leave a bar at 6473 Russell, after he had been ordered to do so by the owner, was shot to death by a policeman Saturday.

Edward Ellington, 39, was dead on arrival at Receiving hospital with two gunshot wounds in the chest and two wounds in the forearm.

Patrolman Robert A. Sekula, 26, said he arrived at the bar in response to a radio call from the owner, Steve Mora, 62, with his partner, Patrolman Richard Evans, and met Ellington in a narrow aisle in front of the bar.

Sekula said Ellington was holding a hunting knife in his hand and was advancing on Sekula. Sekula said he ordered El-
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lington three times to drop the knife, and retreated as far as he could without being stabbed.

Sekula said he then fired two shots at Ellington, who collapsed to the floor.

Mabel Morley, 50, of 41 Leslie, bar maid, said Ellington had been in the bar earlier in the day and bought a drink. Both the owner and the bar maid said Ellington appeared ~~sober~~ at the time.

He returned to the bar later in the afternoon in a drunken condition and was ordered to leave and he refused. He is said to have threatened the life of Mrs. Morley if police were called.