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# Narcotics Police Raid Wrong N.Y. Apartment

NEW YORK, Sept. 1 (UPI)—Two narcotics policemen posing as utility repairmen broke into the wrong apartment early today looking for a cache of cocaine.

A 56-year-old woman who lives alone in the Upper Manhattan apartment thought they were burglars, and jumped out a window. Her hands were severely cut when she smashed her way through a closed window, police said.

"It was a mistake, there's no getting around that," said deputy chief John Schawaroch, commanding officer of the police narcotics division. He said the narcotics agents were attempting to serve a no-knock warrant in search of a kilogram (2.2 pounds) of cocaine.

Instead, he said, they mistakenly broke into an apartment in the adjacent building where Ruby Baker lives alone.

"Mrs. Baker reacted rather strongly—but understandably for a woman living alone in that neighborhood," he added.

Mrs. Baker said that "when the men started breaking the door down I knew it wasn't

Con Ed." She said she became frightened and tried to escape, thinking "they might be burglars, out to murder me."

Schawaroch said his men identified themselves as police when they broke into the apartment. Mrs. Baker, however, said they did not tell her they were police officers until much later. The police later apologized for the mistake.

Mrs. Baker returned to her apartment tonight "with a door that doesn't lock and no window. I think it's terrible," she said. "I never thought that this would ever happen anywhere in the United States."