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No-Knock 'Mistake'

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

A 56 year old woman who lives alone in the upper Manhattan apartment thought the officers were burglars, and she jumped out a window. The woman's 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, the commanding officer of the Police Narcotics Division. He said the narcotics agents were attempting to serve a noknock warrant in search of a kilogram (2.2 pounds) of cocaine.

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

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