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Introduction: The term suicide by cop is used commonly for police-involved shootings that could be considered suicides because of the subject's precipitated actions that demonstrate suicidal intent through words or behaviors. The notion that victims sometimes initiate physical conflicts in which they are injured or killed is studied for more than 50 years. This is first description of Suicide-by-cop in South-East Europe.

Case report: On October 28th 2011, MJ, a member of radical islamic movement, attacked the US Embassy in Sarajevo. He spent 50 minutes in plain sight firing from an automatic rifle (AK-47) at the U.S. embassy, seriously wounding a police officer before he was hit by a police sharpshooter.

Discussion: Police may confront shootings motivated by suicidal subjects more often than reports indicate. Although suicide by cop is most commonly reported and studied in the United States, Canada, and more recently the United Kingdom it appears to be an international phenomenon.

Conclusion: Mevlid Jasarevic's case was an act of terrorism from the perspective of law. From the perspective of mental health professionals it was also Suicide-by-cop attempt. New information confirm our earlier made conclusion – MJ left movement, shaved beard and changed his outlook. There were some other reasons but terroristic for such attack.