

# Officers 'told to wait' before Cassidy shooting

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The inquest into the police shooting of Tyler Cassidy has heard officers involved were ordered to wait for the dog squad before they opened fire.

The 15-year-old was armed with two knives when he was shot dead by police during a confrontation at a Northcote skatepark in December 2008.

Acting Sergeant Scott Gevaux told the inquest he had radio contact with the four officers dealing with the teenager and told them to 'corner and contain' him until the dog squad arrived.

Just 75 seconds later the teenager was shot.

Sergeant Gevaux said he was not critical of the police officer's actions.

He told the court it was a dynamic situation and he had full faith in his colleagues.

He said he had not thought it necessary to call for a critical incident response team, despite it being a 'priority one' situation.