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UPDATE: Officer Involved Critical Incident Investigation in Menasha, Wis.

MENASHA, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is investigating an officer involved critical incident that occurred in the City of Menasha, Wis. on the afternoon of Saturday, October 7, 2023.

At approximately 3:08 p.m., officers from the Menasha Police Department and the Fox Crossing Police Department responded to a domestic dispute on the 1100 block of Geneva Road in Menasha. Upon arrival, officers encountered a male subject armed with bladed weapons. One officer from the Menasha Police Department, **Officer Derrick Rotta, over 4 years law enforcement service**, discharged his firearm during the incident and struck **Kenneth R. Blevins, age 43**. First aid was rendered; however, Mr. Blevins was pronounced deceased at the scene.

No law enforcement personnel were injured during the incident.

Responding officers from the Menasha Police Department and the Fox Crossing Police Department were equipped with body and squad cameras.

Officer Rotta has been placed on administrative leave, per department policy.

DCI is leading this investigation and is assisted by Wisconsin State Patrol, Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, Neenah Police Department, and a DCI Crime Response Specialist. All involved law enforcement are fully cooperating with DCI during this investigation.

DCI will review all evidence and determine the facts of this incident and will turn over investigative reports to the Winnebago County District Attorney when the investigation concludes.

Please direct media inquiries regarding the officer involved critical incident to Wisconsin DOJ.