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UPDATE: Village of Rothschild, Wis. Officer Involved Death

VILLAGE of ROTHSCHILD, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is investigating an officer involved death in the Village of Rothschild, Wis. that occurred on the evening of Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

After reviewing the materials provided by DCI, the Marathon County District Attorney determined that this was not an officer-involved death as defined by Wis. Stat. § 175.47(1)(c). The Marathon County District Attorney's Office will not take any further action in this matter and their file is closed.

At approximately 9:46 p.m., Village of Rothschild Police Department received a 911 call requesting a welfare check at a residence located in the 1000 block of Urban Street in Rothschild, Wis. Law enforcement from Rothschild, Kronenwetter, and Everest Metro Police Departments responded to the residence.

Upon entry into the residence, law enforcement made contact with the subject. The subject fled from law enforcement and ran into a bathroom. Law enforcement followed the subject who produced a firearm. The subject discharged one round which resulted in a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Law enforcement provided lifesaving measures and the subject was transported to a local hospital where they were pronounced deceased.

No law enforcement officers were injured during the incident.

All involved officers were wearing body cameras during the incident.

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DCI led the investigation of the officer involved critical incident with assistance from Marathon County Sheriff's Office, a DCI Crime Response Specialist, and members of DCI's Digital Evidence Unit. All involved law enforcement fully cooperated with DCI during this investigation.

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