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**Barron County Critical Incident Investigation**

MIKANA, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is investigating an officer involved critical incident in the Mikana, Wis. that occurred on the evening of Wednesday, July 14, 2021.

The Barron County Sheriff's Office was called for a wellness check for an adult, white male subject after he had made a threat to a person who lived nearby. Upon arrival, deputies observed the male barricaded in a room with a firearm. Law enforcement and the subject talked through a standoff. At one point the subject raised a firearm at deputy who then fired at the subject. The subject was struck. The subject was provided medical support and then air-lifted to a regional hospital. The subject is currently in critical but stable condition.

No other persons were injured during the incident.

All involved law enforcement are fully cooperating with DCI during this investigation. The involved officer has been placed on paid administrative leave per department policy.

DCI is leading the investigation of the officer involved critical incident with assistance from Wisconsin State Patrol.

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

The investigation is ongoing and no further information is currently available.

Please direct media inquiries to Wisconsin DOJ.