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UPDATE: Officer Involved Critical Incident Investigation in Adams County, Wis.

STRONGS PRAIRIE, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is investigating an officer involved critical incident (OICI) in the Township of Strongs Prairie, Wis. that occurred on the night of Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

At approximately 6:51 p.m., an Adams County Sheriff's Deputy was dispatched to a report of an individual walking in the roadway and located **Bryon Childers**, age 61, on Cumberland Avenue in the town of Strongs Prairie. Adams County Sheriff's **Deputy Jacob Bean**, 6 years in law enforcement, was made aware of active felony warrants against Childers when he arrived on scene. Deputy Bean made contact with Childers, who then brandished a firearm. Deputy Bean discharged his firearm, striking Childers, who died at the scene.

A firearm was recovered at the scene and Deputy Bean was equipped with a body-worn camera.

No law enforcement personnel were injured during the incident.

Deputy Bean has been placed on administrative assignment, per department policy.

DCI is leading this investigation and is assisted by Wisconsin State Patrol, DCI Crime Response Specialists, and Adams County Medical Examiner's Office. All involved law enforcement are fully cooperating with DCI during this investigation.

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

Please direct all media inquiries regarding this incident to Wisconsin DOJ.

A photo of Deputy Jacob Bean can be found [here](#).