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Update: Columbia County Officer Involved Critical Incident

TOWN OF SCOTT, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is investigating an officer involved critical incident in the Town of Scott, Wis. that occurred in the afternoon of Sunday, October 10, 2021.

Columbia County Sheriff's deputies responded to a field near Hwy 33 in the Town of Scott for a reported suicidal subject. The subject was armed with a weapon. Deputies negotiated with the subject until the subject pointed their weapon at law enforcement. Three deputies then discharged their weapons, striking the subject. **Those deputies are Timothy Schultz with 14 years in law enforcement, Ryan Fleischhacker with 4 years in law enforcement, and Brian Johnson with 17 years in law enforcement.** EMS was on standby and law enforcement immediately provided medical care to the subject.

The subject was transported to a local hospital and has non-life threatening injuries.

During the processing of the scene, a loaded firearm was located that was believed to be the one in possession of the subject.

DCI is leading this investigation and are assisted by the Wisconsin State Crime Lab and the Wisconsin State Patrol. 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 Columbia County District Attorney when the investigation concludes.

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

Please direct all media inquiries to Wisconsin DOJ.

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