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UPDATE: Officer Involved Death Investigation in Madison, Wis.

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is investigating an officer involved death that occurred in the City of Madison on Wednesday, July 22, 2026.

At approximately 1:00 p.m., Madison Police Department officers responded to the Marquette neighborhood for a report of a subject allegedly involved in checking parked vehicles **and an alleged burglary attempt**. Officers located and attempted to contact the subject, who fled on a bicycle.

At approximately 1:35 p.m., contact was made by four responding officers with the subject, **Corey D. Ruiz, 38**, at the intersection of S. Baldwin and Williamson Streets. Upon contact with law enforcement, Mr. Ruiz was involved in a physical altercation with officers, during which he brandished a knife and injured **officer Kiel Baitinger-Peterson, with 10 years and 10 months of law enforcement service. Two other officers** attempted to use a taser on the subject without success. Officer Baitinger-Peterson discharged his firearm, striking Mr. Ruiz.

A knife was recovered from the scene.

EMS was contacted and life saving measures were rendered on Mr. Ruiz, who was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

One additional officer sustained injuries during the incident. Both injured officers were treated at a local hospital and have since been released. No other members of law enforcement or other members of the public were injured during this incident.

The four responding officers will be placed on administrative leave, per the agency's policy.

DCI is leading this investigation and is assisted by a DCI Crime Response Specialist, Dane County Sheriff's Office, Wisconsin State Patrol, and the Sun Prairie Police Department.

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 the investigative reports to the Dane County District Attorney's Office when the investigation concludes.

Please direct all media inquiries to Wisconsin DOJ.

This press release has been updated to clarify the spelling of a name.