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Officer Involved Critical Incident in Marinette County, Wis.

MARINETTE COUNTY, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is investigating an officer involved critical incident that occurred in the Town of Peshtigo in Marinette County on the evening of Thursday, October 22.

At approximately 6:38 p.m., a deputy with the Marinette County Sheriff's Office attempted to initiate a traffic stop of a vehicle with two subjects near the intersection of Pine Street and Maple Street in the Town of Peshtigo. The vehicle failed to stop, prompting the deputy to initiate a pursuit. At approximately 6:41 p.m., the pursuit ended when the vehicle crashed into another vehicle with two occupants. The crash occurred near the Old Peshtigo Road entrance to a gas station located at Old Peshtigo Road and Country Meadows Road in the Town of Peshtigo.

EMS was contacted, and the occupants of the vehicle struck by the pursued vehicle were declared deceased on scene.

The two subjects in the pursued vehicle sustained severe injuries and were transported to medical facilities in the Milwaukee area.

No law enforcement officers were injured during the incident.

The involved law enforcement officer was placed on administrative duty, per the agency's policy.

DCI is leading this investigation and is assisted by the Wisconsin State Patrol, the Marinette Police Department, and a DCI Crime Response Specialist.

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 Marinette County District Attorney when the investigation concludes.

Please direct all media inquiries to Wisconsin DOJ.