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Officer Involved Death Investigation in Eau Claire County, Wis.

TOWN OF UNION, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is investigating an officer involved death that occurred in the Town of Union in Eau Claire County, Wis. on the morning of Monday, May 4, 2026.

At approximately 7:25 a.m. Monday, two Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to a vehicle crash at the intersection of Highway 312/North Crossing at Highway 12. The crash resulted in three damaged vehicles, and one non-life-threatening injury.

One crash subject exited their vehicle on foot and fled the scene. One deputy departed the crash scene to search for the subject that fled on foot. Contact was made by law enforcement with the subject at Lyle Lane near Chuck Lane. Upon contact, the subject brandished what law enforcement reported to be a knife. The deputy discharged their weapon, striking the subject.

EMS was contacted and life saving measures were rendered on the subject, but the subject was pronounced deceased on scene. No members of law enforcement or other members of the public were injured during this incident.

The involved law enforcement officer was wearing a body-worn camera during the incident, and will be placed on administrative assignment, per the agency's policy.

DCI is leading this investigation and is assisted by a DCI Crime Response Specialist, Wisconsin State Patrol, the Eau Claire Police Department, and the Eau Claire County Medical Examiner.

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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 Eau Claire County District Attorney's Office when the investigation concludes.

Please direct all media inquiries to Wisconsin DOJ.