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UPDATE TO OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING OF JUNE 11, 2013

The Beloit Police Department in cooperation with the State of Wisconsin Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) has identified the victim of last night's shooting as: Darius J. Lowery-Baptiste, age 23, of Beloit, WI.

At the time of the encounter, the Wisconsin Department of Corrections had an active arrest warrant for Lowery-Baptiste. In addition, investigators from the Beloit Police Department had been actively looking for Lowery-Baptiste to question him in regards to a series of shooting incidents within the City of Beloit. These incidents have been reported since early May.

The DCI investigators continue their investigation into last night's events. The interviews of witnesses, officers, and others may take several days.

The names of the officers involved are not being released at this time. The two officers that discharged their firearms are an 18 year and a 34 month veterans with the department. A third officer with 14 years of service was on scene but did not discharge his weapon. These officers will be assigned duties outside their normal assignments during the investigation. Their names will likely be available following their interviews with DCI.

Any individual that may have witnessed the incident is asked to call the Beloit Police Department at 364-6801.

Pursuant to the directive of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, as found in Supreme Court Rule 20:3:6 Trial Publicity, you are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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