

## **BELOIT POLICE DEPARTMENT**



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## PRESS RELEASE

Incident Number: BE1413167

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Fire Investigation – Multiple Fatality

On 03/05/2014 at approximately 0352 hours, Beloit Police and Fire Departments were dispatched to a reported house fire at 1950 Fairview Drive in Beloit, WI.

Initial arriving police officers assisted a victim out of the residence. Heavy fire and smoke conditions were present. Beloit Fire personnel arrived on scene and extinguished the fire and conducted rescue efforts. Three fire victims were located at the scene. One adult victim was transported to an area hospital for treatment of fire related injuries. The victim is in critical condition. Two additional adult victims died at the scene. The Rock County Coroner's Office was notified and has responded to the scene.

The incident remains under investigation by the Beloit Fire Department in regards to the origin and cause of the fire. Beloit Police are assisting with the investigation and conducting the related death investigations.

There will be no additional information available until after 1000 hours today. END

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.