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PRESS RELEASE

Incident Number: BE1426754

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900 block 10th Beloit WI

On 05/11/14 at 741pm. City of Beloit Police Officers were sent to an address in the 900 block of 10th street in regards to an unwanted person complaint. The officers attempted to take the suspect, Christopher Rutherford, 40 years, Beloit, into custody. Rutherford was able to separate from the officers and flee in a vehicle. While pulling away, Rutherford struck the victim (also the victim in the unwanted person incident), Sheila Rosenbaum, 47, Beloit. The officers fired an undetermined number of rounds from their duty weapons at the fleeing vehicle. The officers then attempted lifesaving efforts on Rosenbaum. Rosenbaum was transported by Beloit Fire Paramedics to an area hospital where she was pronounced dead.

Rutherford crashed the vehicle a short distance away in the 800 block of Roosevelt. Rutherford then attempted to flee on foot but other responding officers caught him in the backyard of a residence in the 700 block of 9th street. Rutherford was taken into custody. It was then discovered that Rutherford had received a gunshot wound. Rutherford was transported by Beloit Fire Paramedics to an area hospital for treatment.

The City of Beloit Police Department is investigating the death of Sheila Rosenbaum. However, the Beloit Police Department has requested the Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation conduct their own inquiry into the officer involved shooting. The officers involved have been reassigned to an administrative assignment within our Division of Support Services until after we are able to review all the circumstances related to the shooting. This reassignment is consistent with protocol in officer involved shooting incidents.

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Anyone with information in regards to this crime is encouraged to call the Beloit Police Department, 364-6801, or Beloit Area Crime Stoppers, 362-7463. Individuals may also text information to 274637 then type BACS + your message. Information leading to an arrest may be eligible for a cash reward up to \$1000.00.

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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