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PRESS RELEASE

Incident Number: BE1426754

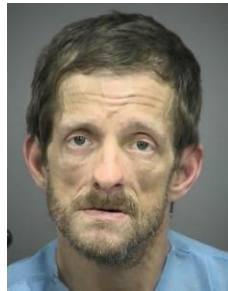
Date: 05/21/14

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Update

On 05/20/14 the suspect in the incident that occurred in the 900 block of 10th St., Christopher Rutherford, 40 years, Beloit was discharged from Mercy Hospital in Janesville. Upon his discharge, Rutherford was arrested for the following:



1st Degree Reckless Homicide
Felony Fleeing Resulting in Death
An Arrest Warrant / Commitment – Theft

Rutherford was transported directly to the Rock County Jail. It is expected that Rutherford will make his initial court appearance tomorrow.

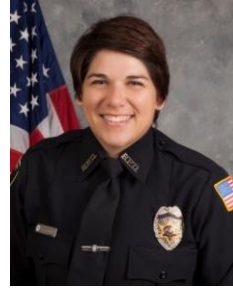
Officer Involved Shooting portion of the Homicide that occurred in the 900 block of 10th

The officer involved shooting portion of the overall incident is being investigated by the Wisconsin Department of Justice – Division of Criminal Investigations (DCI). The officers involved remain 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.

However with the Rutherford arrest and subsequent court appearance the names of the officers involved in shooting portion of the investigation are being released. The officers involved were:



Officer David Elrod
Hired 04/17/2004
Patrol Officer – Patrol Division
Evidence Technician
Crisis Negotiator
Police Training Officer



Officer Amy Copeland
Hired 09/11/2012
Patrol Officer – Patrol Division

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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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