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BELOIT POLICE WITHDRAW CHIEF'S OFFER TO INSPECT FOR ILLEGAL WEAPONS

(Beloit, WI) – The Beloit Police Department is withdrawing its offer, made this past week, to inspect homes for illegal weapons. The initiative was suggested by Chief Norm Jacobs as a way of helping the community deal with gun related violence, which has resulted in over 51 shots fired incidents and six of eight homicides that occurred in the City so far in 2014.

While the program was strictly voluntary and required a signed release before police could enter a residence, numerous individuals have expressed concerns about the fact that people's homes would be inspected or searched as a part of the process. At this time, the department is withdrawing its offer under this initiative, and will be submitting the program to the City's legal office for further review.

As always, should an individual find an unwanted firearm at any location, they are urged to call 9-1-1 and the Police will assist in disposing of the firearm safely.