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Beloit Police Respond to Accidental, Self-Inflicted Shooting

July 28, 2023 -- The City of Beloit Police Department responded to a call involving a gunshot wound victim with non-life threatening injuries at 11:04 pm Thursday, July 27, in the 700 block of Highland Avenue. Upon arrival, officers located a 14-year-old juvenile victim in the front yard suffering from a non-life-threatening gunshot wound to their lower extremities.

A loaded handgun was located and recovered on scene. Detectives investigated this matter and have come to the conclusion this was an accidental self-inflicted gunshot wound that the juvenile received and no suspects are at-large.

This incident is a stark reminder of the importance of responsible firearm ownership and the need for increased awareness surrounding gun safety. It highlights the potential risks and consequences that can arise when firearms are not stored securely and kept out of the reach of children and adolescents.

The incident serves as a critical reminder to all members of the community about the significance of educating young individuals about firearm safety. We urge parents to know what their children are doing and to take actions to monitor their behaviors.

This matter is still under investigation and considered ongoing.

Andre Sayles
Chief of Police