

# EAU CLAIRE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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### INCIDENT:

The Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office reports an incident occurring in the town of Ludington this morning in which a 44-year-old man was shot by two members of the sheriff's tactical team. The incident began when deputies were called to the Township of Ludington to investigate a report of a domestic battery involving a firearm shortly before 9:00 p.m. Wednesday evening, September 2, 2009.

Responding deputies established a perimeter as it was reported the male party had left the residence, but was believed to be on the property. The female involved reported the male had pointed a firearm at her and left the residence with the gun. Deputies also learned there were outstanding warrants for the male party.

The tactical team was summoned to the scene. The female had locked herself in the residence and was safely taken from the house by team members.

The tactical team subsequently encountered the male individual in a van parked near the residence. Tactical team members identified themselves as law enforcement and on numerous occasions asked the male to step out of the van. A sheriff's office negotiator was attempting contact with the male in an effort to get him to surrender peacefully.

Numerous comments by the male led team members to believe that he was not going to give up. Members observed the male to be armed with a rifle that he pointed at officers. At that time lethal force was used to protect the officers.

The male was airlifted by Mayo One for treatment of his injuries. He remains hospitalized at a local hospital.

The Eau Claire Police Department is assisting in the investigation.

Additional information will be shared as it becomes available.

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