

# EAU CLAIRE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## MEDIA RELEASE

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On Sunday, April 3, 2016, an Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office Deputy was involved in a shooting incident of an adult male who threatened the Deputy with an electronic type device.

Shortly before 7 a.m., on Sunday April 3, 2016, an Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a lone male subject in the Parking Lot off of Moholt Drive in the City of Eau Claire. While conducting the traffic stop the Deputy discovered the male subject was wanted on two Federal Probation and Federal Parole warrants. The Deputy communicated with the subject and was attempting to take the subject into custody when the subject became confrontational and armed himself with what appears to be an electronic type device. The Deputy attempted to distance himself from the subject; however the subject continued his threatening action by advancing towards the Deputy. The Deputy fired his service weapon striking the subject. The Deputy immediately called for Fire/Rescue personnel. The subject was transported by Fire/Rescue to Mayo Hospital and later pronounced deceased.

As per Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office policy, The Wisconsin Department of Justice – Division of Criminal Investigation was contacted to investigate the officer involved shooting. The Eau Claire Police Department is assisting in the investigation. At this point in the investigation, neither the name of the Deputy nor the subject is being released.

Sheriff Ron Cramer stated, "I will make sure a thorough investigation will be completed by experienced and independent investigators. The investigation review will include examination of Deputy and witness statements, squad car video, and forensic evidence. At the conclusion of the investigation a full disclosure will be provided by District Attorney Gary King."

Per department policy and best practice, the Deputy involved in the incident is on administrative leave/assignment pending review of the investigation. The Sheriff and Administrative Staff have confidence in the decision making actions and professionalism of the Deputy involved. We further believe the independent review will yield the same results. The names of the subject and Deputy involved will be released after the interviews are completed by the Wisconsin Department of Justice – Division of Criminal Investigation.

Respectfully – Sheriff Ron Cramer