

Wisconsin Dept. of Justice: Update on Wausau shooting

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Wausau, Wis. – Yesterday, the Wausau community was struck by a terrible tragedy when four victims, including an officer with the Everest Metropolitan Police Department, were shot dead.

At approximately 1:30 p.m. on March 22, 2017, law enforcement received a report of an active shooter in Rothschild, Wisconsin. The suspect visited the Marathon Savings Bank, killing two civilians, and a law office in Schofield, killing one civilian. The suspect ended this violent spree by barricading himself in an apartment in Weston, Wisconsin. After a few hours of negotiation, the suspect exchanged gun fire with responding officers and was injured.

The suspect of these shootings is a 45-year-old male who is a resident of the Village of Weston. He sustained nonfatal gunshot wounds and was transported to a local hospital for medical treatment where he remains in police custody. The suspect will be prosecuted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice Criminal Litigation Unit. The suspect was motivated by a domestic incident, not a bank robbery, as previously reported. More information, including the suspect's identity and any prior contact with law enforcement, will be released in the near future.

A law enforcement officer with the Marathon County Sheriff's Office's tactical team and an officer with the Everest Metropolitan Police Department were involved in the exchange of gunfire that resulted in the suspect's injury. The involved officers are on paid, administrative leave, pending the outcome of the officer involved shooting investigation by the Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation and a charging decision by the Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Legal Services.

This was an isolated incident with one suspect. Law enforcement investigation to this point has identified this as a domestic violence incident that evolved into tragic crimes that extended further into the community. The victim of the domestic violence associated with this suspect is identified and unharmed.

Detective Jason T. Weiland spent 18 years in law enforcement, all of them in the Wausau-area, the last 15 with the Everest Metropolitan Police Department. Detective Weiland was well-trained and his brave response likely prevented other deaths. He is survived by his wife and two children. Jason, a devoted Green Bay Packers fan, was 40-years-old.

A memorial fund for the Weiland family has been established through Intercity State Bank, 2900 Schofield Ave., Weston, WI 54476. Donations for the family can be directed to Intercity State Bank under the name of "Weiland Memorial Fund."

The Wausau community is also mourning the loss of the following three individuals:

- Dianne M. Look grew up in many places, but she called Wisconsin home. A graduate of DC Everest High School, Dianne was the loving mother to two children, Christy Bleu and Chuck Mientke. Dianne will be remembered as a loyal employee of Marathon Savings Bank, where she has been a branch manager since 1998. Dianne valued the customer relationship and loved to serve her customers and neighbors. Dianne met her husband, Robert Look, while working at a local bank in 1988. The two married in 1992 and lived in South Dakota for a number of years before returning to Wisconsin in 1998. They have resided in Wisconsin since. Dianne and Robert celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary this past Valentine's Day. Dianne was 67-years-old.
- Karen L. Barclay moved to Wisconsin in 1993 and was employed at Marathon Savings Bank for more than five years. She was a loving mother to one daughter and two granddaughters, ages four and seven. Karen will always be remembered as "mum mum" by her granddaughters. Karen was extremely dedicated to her work. She loved her holidays, co-workers, and spending time with family. Karen was 62-years-old.
- Sara H. Quirt Sann was a life-long resident of Wausau. She was a loving wife, daughter, sister, stepmom, aunt, friend, and a community servant. Sara loved golf, yoga, practicing law, and her dog, Mary. Sara was 43-years-old.

No other individuals were physically harmed during yesterday's shootings.

The families of the victims are grateful for all of the community support and prayers, and ask for privacy while they grieve the loss of their loved ones.

Businesses affected by yesterday's events are closed until further notice. There will be an announcement with additional details at a later time. Victim witness professionals and law enforcement officers are working with residents of the suspect's apartment building to recover personal items while they are temporarily displaced.

Hundreds of law enforcement officers, as well as dozens of crime victim services professionals, from the following agencies and organizations have responded and are involved in investigating yesterday's tragic incidents:

- Everest Metropolitan Police Department
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Kronenwetter Police Department
- Lincoln County Sheriff's Department (SWAT)
- Marathon County Sheriff's Department
- Merrill Police Department
- Mosinee Police Department
- Oneida Sheriff's Department (SWAT)
- Rothschild Police Department
- Wausau Police Department
- Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigations
- Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory
- Wisconsin State Patrol
- Crime Victim Services
- Numerous chaplains and local pastors