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SUBJECT	Stabbing (ECPD #16-14648)		@EauClairePD

On July 15, 2016 at approximately 4:41 p.m., Eau Claire Police Officers responded to 260 Riverfront Terrace (Phoenix Park) for a stabbing incident. Upon arrival, the victim was located in the public bathroom and transported to a local hospital for non-life threatening injuries.

During the initial investigation a suspect was identified. The suspect and the victim knew each other. A dispute broke out between the two of them, which ultimately led to the suspect stabbing the victim in the leg with a sharp instrument outside of the public bathrooms.

Video footage and still images of the suspect were gathered from the public space cameras in Phoenix Park. Over the weekend, Eau Claire Police Officers focused significant resources in the Phoenix Park area looking for the suspect and speaking with community members.

On July 18, 2016 at approximately 9:30 a.m., the Eau Claire Police Department was able to positively identify the suspect to be Dennis L. Tiller (DOB 03/17/1948) with the cooperation of community members. Tiller was taken into custody at his home without incident.

Tiller was interviewed and admitted to having an ongoing isolated dispute with the victim that dates back over a year. He admitted that he stabbed the victim in the leg with a sharp instrument in Phoenix Park because of an argument that they both engaged in.

Tiller was arrested and booked into the Eau Claire County Jail for the following charges:

- Felony Recklessly Endangering Safety (Wisconsin State Statute 941.30(1))
- Felony Substantial Battery (Wisconsin State Statute 940.19(4)).

The Eau Claire Police Department takes a great deal of pride focusing on safety of parks and recreation for our members of the community. This was an isolated incident that was resolved with a quick identification and arrest of the suspect.

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