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On February 17, 2020 at approximately 10:05 a.m., the Eau Claire Police Department responded to a report of a threats case. Officers met with Brittany A. Frane DOB: 9-19-96. Frane told officers she received threatening texts messages from an ex-boyfriend. Frane showed the officers texts sent to her as well as Frane's family members in which her ex-boyfriend had threatened to kill her, her family members, and anyone who attempted to stop him.

The text message also contained threats to the Stanley-Boyd Area School District. As a result of the threats to the school, officers notified Stanley-Boyd Area School District and the Stanley Police Department of the investigation. Information was provided that the suspect was possibly in the downtown area of Eau Claire. Patrol officers and detectives searched the area but nothing was located. Shortly before midnight, Eau Claire Police were notified that Frane had received more threatening texts. The nature of the texts insinuated the threat may be imminent so officers responded in emergency mode. The area was searched and nothing suspicious was located.

During the course of the investigation, officers were able to obtain Frane's cellular phone which was examined by the Chippewa Valley Regional Computer Forensic Lab. Digital forensic evidence was obtained which showed Frane had sent the threatening texts to herself and family members via an app. This app altered the source of the messages, making them appear to be coming from a different phone number. Stanley-Boyd Area School District and the Stanley Police Department were notified of this development.

On February 19, 2020, detectives arrested Frane for violation of Wisconsin State Statute 947.019(1)(e) - Felony Terrorist Threats and violation of Wisconsin State Statute 946.41(2m)(a) - Felony Obstructing an Officer. Frane was booked and released from the Eau Claire County Jail. Her initial court appearance is scheduled for March 18, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

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