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On March 20, 2020, at approximately 8:40 pm, the Eau Claire Communications Center received multiple 911 calls regarding gunshots in the 4600 block of Kappus Drive. It was reported a female was screaming for help. Officers responded to this location and located two victims who had sustained injuries from a gunshot.

Officers provided immediate medical attention to the victims. One of the victims was transported to a local medical facility. The other victim, a 30 year-old male, was pronounced deceased at the residence. Officers thoroughly searched the area in an attempt to locate the suspects and ensure the safety of this neighborhood.

The initial investigation determined two suspects forcefully entered the residence and a confrontation occurred between the suspects and the two adult occupants of the residence. During the confrontation a firearm was discharged several times striking the two victims. The suspects fled the area and have not been located.

Anyone who has information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Lieutenant Ryan Dahlgren at 715-839-8682. Anonymous information can be reported to Eau Claire County Crime Stoppers at 715-874-TIPS or www.eauclairecountycrimestoppers.org

This is an active homicide investigation. The investigative efforts include witness interviews, neighborhood interviews and processing evidence. A forensic autopsy for the victim is scheduled at the University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison, WI on March 21, 2020.

The name of the victim will be released on Monday, March 23, 2020.

I would like to thank the following agencies for their assistance with this incident: the Wisconsin State Patrol, the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office, the Eau Claire County Medical Examiner's Office and the Eau Claire Fire Department. I would also like to thank the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire Police Department and the Altoona Police Department, who provided important police services to our community while we stabilized this situation.

These tragic events compromise the sense of safety and security in our community. The men and women of the Eau Claire Police Department are fully committed to resolving this matter. As new information becomes available, we will keep our fellow community members informed.

Sincerely,

Matt Rokus
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