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On March 20, 2020, at approximately 8:40 pm, the Eau Claire Police Department responded to multiple reports of gunshots in the 4600 block of Kappus Drive. Officers discovered two victims had sustained injuries from gunshots.

Officers provided immediate medical attention to the victims. A 32 year old female was transported to a local medical facility and is expected to survive. The other victim was pronounced deceased at the residence. The deceased victim is identified as:

Edwin James Garcia-Smith DOB 10/15/1990.

On March, 21, 2020 Garcia-Smith was transported to the University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison, WI where a forensic autopsy was conducted. It was determined Garcia-Smith died from a gunshot wound.

Information regarding the female victim will not be released. She is the victim of a crime. There were three children in the residence at the time of the incident. They were not physically injured and are safe.

The investigation has determined this was not a random crime.

After the incident, the suspects fled the area and have not been located. We would like help from the public during this investigation. If you saw something, heard something, or have videos or photos that capture images of the surrounding area please 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 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.

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