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SUBJECT: 20PD14338- Stabbing	 @EauClairePD

On July 25th, 2020, at 7:18 pm, Officers responded to the 600 block of Wisconsin Street reference a stabbing inside a residence. The adult male victim was conscious upon officer arrival; however, he was unable to provide specific suspect information. EMS stabilized the victim and he was transported to a local hospital for care. The victim was stabbed three times; once in the neck, the shoulder, and torso. The victim is expected to survive.

Officers, Detectives and Crime Scene Unit personnel conducted several interviews, served a search warrant and gathered evidence at the scene.

The preliminary investigation has revealed the victim and Dennis M. Smith (6/26/1957), who both reside at the same house, were drinking together at a local bar prior to the incident. While at the bar, the two got into an argument and had to be physically separated. The victim returned to the residence and was seen by witnesses speaking with others outside. Smith was observed returning and entering the residence. Later, the victim entered the residence and it is believed Smith attacked the victim.

Smith was taken into custody and transported to the Eau Claire County Jail. The Eau Claire County District Attorney's Office filed initial charges of felony Aggravated Battery-causing great bodily harm (domestic abuse enhancer), Disorderly Conduct (domestic abuse enhancer) and misdemeanor Bail Jumping.

This is an on-going investigation.

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