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SUBJECT: Battery 20PD09090	 @EauClairePD

On May 21, 2020 at 7:19 a.m., Eau Claire Police received an anonymous complaint reference an assault that was posted on a social media platform. Officers reviewed the video which showed a defenseless male being beaten by another male. During the course of the investigation, officers confirmed the assault occurred at a residence in the 2300 block of Sunset Drive.

Officers were able to identify Chase M. Passon (M/B DOB: 02/15/2002) as the primary aggressor. Passon was contacted and he admitted to the assault. Passon was taken into custody and transported to the Eau Claire County Jail. He was charged with Battery, Disorderly Conduct, 2 Counts Felony Bail Jumping, 2 Counts Misdemeanor Bail Jumping, and possession of MDMA.

The investigation also determined Ruby M. Jimenez-Nevarez (F/H DOB: 07/12/2001), Alexis M. Strenke (F/W DOB: 11/06/2001), and a female juvenile were involved as well. Jimenez-Nevarez and Strenke were charged with Battery. The female juvenile was referred to juvenile court for Battery.

The victim was transported to a local hospital and is currently recovering from his injuries. The cause of the assault is still being investigated. The Eau Claire Police Department is not looking for anyone else in connection with the assault.

We are aware of the large amount of threats that have been directed towards the suspects and their families in this case and will follow up on those threats.

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