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## MEDIA RELEASE

<b>DATE:</b> October 28, 2022	<b>CONTACT:</b> Deputy Chief Derek Thomas
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<b>SUBJECT:</b> 22PD16886 - UPDATE	 @EauClairePD

Homicide - Update

Eau Claire Police are investigating a homicide that occurred near the intersection of Bergen Avenue and Bellevue Avenue on September 17, 2022. As a result of this investigation, the following charges have been filed against Michael B. Purnell DOB: 02/23/1990 and Xavier M. Thompson DOB: 07/18/1988:

1st Degree Intentional Homicide As a Party To a Crime - 940.01(10)(a)

2 counts of 1st Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety As a Party To a Crime; Use Of a Dangerous Weapon - 941.30(30)(1)

Discharging a Firearm From a Vehicle As a Party To a Crime - 941.20(3)(a)2

In addition to the above listed charges, Michael Purnell has also been charged with:

Vehicle Operator Flee/Elude Officer - 346.04(3)

Purnell and Thompson are in custody at the Eau Claire County Jail. This is an ongoing investigation and we will release further details when available.

If you have information pertaining to this incident please contact the Eau Claire Police Department at 715-839-4972. You also may be eligible for a reward by reporting the information through Crime Stoppers at 715-874-TIPS or [www.eauclairecountycrimestoppers.org](http://www.eauclairecountycrimestoppers.org). You can remain anonymous.

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