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Eau Claire Police Make Arrest for Recklessly Endangering Safety with a Crossbow

On Sunday, 03-17-2024 at 12:25pm, the Eau Claire Police Department responded to a report that a person had just shot toward a neighbor with a crossbow in the 500 block of Maple Street. Officers quickly confirmed no one was injured, and established a perimeter to secure the area.

According to the victims, Robert M. Willi 10/25/1988 shot toward them as they were walking between their home and Willi's. Thankfully, no one was hit by the crossbow bolt. Officers attempted to contact Willi by phone and through windows that he had opened while officers were on scene. He did not respond to any of the attempts.

The Eau Claire Police Department's Tactical Response Team and Eau Claire County Regional SWAT responded to the scene. Upon arrival of the Tactical Response Team, Willi exited the home and surrendered. He was taken into custody and brought to the Eau Claire County Jail. A search warrant was served at the home, and two crossbows were recovered.

As a result of the investigation, Willi was arrested for:

- 1st Recklessly Endangering Safety - 941.30(1)
- Resisting or Obstructing an Officer - 946.41(1)
- Disorderly Conduct - 947.01(1) - 2 counts

The Eau Claire Police Department thanks the Eau Claire County Regional SWAT Team and Eau Claire Fire Department for their assistance. We also thank members of the neighborhood for their patience as we resolved this incident.

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