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LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY IN RURAL ORANGEVILLE

On June 17th, 2023, at approximately 6:21 a.m., Stephenson County Sheriff's Office personnel responded to a residence in the 1100 block of W. Rock Grove Rd. in rural Orangeville for a subject to be removed. Upon arrival, a deputy made contact with a female who reported that a 28-year-old male acquaintance from Monroe Wisconsin was in her residence and needed to be removed. The responding deputy subsequently made contact with the male suspect, who then threatened to instigate a lethal-force encounter if law enforcement entered the residence.

While on-scene, deputies learned that the male suspect inside the residence was wanted on an active warrant by the Wisconsin Department of Corrections for a parole violation, and additional law enforcement resources were summoned to the scene. After all efforts to generate voluntary compliance were exhausted, a search warrant for the residence was obtained.

At approximately 2:00 p.m., the search warrant was executed by the Stephenson County Sheriff's Office Emergency Response Team and the male suspect was found inside unresponsive and in serious medical distress from an apparent drug overdose. EMS personnel who were already on-scene immediately initiated life-saving efforts and the male suspect was transferred to an area hospital by ambulance, before later being transferred to a different hospital via helicopter. No law enforcement officers were injured during the handling of this incident.

The Stephenson County Sheriff's Office would like to acknowledge assistance with this incident that has been provided by the Stephenson County Sheriff's Office Reserve Unit, Orangeville Fire Department, Leamon's Ambulance Service, Ogle County Sheriff's Office, Mercy Health MD1, and Illinois State Police Troop 1. The Sheriff's Office would also like to extend its appreciation to Oneco Township for allowing us to use their building for our command post and staging area.

Any charges referenced are merely accusations and the public is reminded that all defendants are presumed innocent and entitled to a fair trial, at which the government has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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