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Press Release

The Wisconsin Department of Justice has released additional information regarding the officer involved shooting in the 4300 block of Moorland Road in New Berlin on June 22, 2021. This was an isolated incident and there is no current threat to the community.

A 57-year old male from New Berlin is in critical condition after being shot by a police officer. We understand that this is an incredibly emotional and tragic event for the involved family, our officers and the community.

The officer involved, Officer Rick Helm, is a 20-year veteran of the New Berlin Police Department. Officer Helm is a highly decorated member of the department who has received the Medal of Valor, Medal of Honor and several life-saving awards. Officer Helm is a department K9 handler, Use of Force Instructor, de-escalation instructor and has attended Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). CIT assists police officers in recognizing and understanding the signs and symptoms of mental illness. Our officers are also trained to control individuals utilizing the least amount of force necessary.

The Wisconsin Department of Justice-Division of Criminal Investigations (DOJ-DCI) is continuing to investigate the incident in accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes. We are fully cooperating with the investigation and value the thoroughness of the investigative team. Officer Helm remains on paid administrative leave per department policy. Additional information regarding the investigation will be released by DOJ-DCI and Waukesha County District Attorney's Office.

We look forward to the completed DOJ-DCI investigation and a complete review of the investigation by the Waukesha District Attorney's Office. Based upon the information and knowledge that we have to date, we are and will continue to be in full support of Officer Helm throughout this process.

We would like to thank Muskego Police Department and Waukesha Sheriff Department for their assistance on the night of the incident.

Chief Jeff Hingiss