



# Wausau Police Department

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## PRESS RELEASE

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RE. Update on shooting from 7/3/2019, N 1<sup>st</sup> Street/McIndoe Street, Wausau

On Wednesday, July 3, 2019, at 2:41 PM, officers were dispatched to the area of N 1st Street and McIndoe Street for the report of a drive-by shooting. As originally reported, there were no injuries as a result of the shooting. A 17 year old male and an 18 year old male were traveling north on the sidewalk adjacent to 1<sup>st</sup> Street at McIndoe Street when they were confronted by occupants of a passing vehicle. An occupant of the vehicle fired shots at the males and the vehicle fled the area. We believe the victims were targeted by the suspect(s) based upon a perceived association with a related incident that occurred on the evening of Monday, July 1. In that related incident, ambulance and officers responded at 10:30 PM to the 600 block of Chicago Avenue, for a 15 year old male who was beaten roadside with a baseball bat. The victim was conveyed by ambulance to a local hospital in critical condition and remains hospitalized.

Following Wednesday's shooting, a suspect vehicle, registered to Amanda J Lewis (DOB: 7/6/1984) of 526 Chicago Avenue, was quickly identified as a vehicle of interest in the shooting, and was located in the vicinity of N 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Chicago Avenue. In the related incident from July 1, officers learned the 15 year old victim was friends of Lewis' son and was at 526 Chicago Avenue prior to the assault. In addition to seizing the vehicle, officers located and interviewed several people seen leaving 526 Chicago Avenue, including Lewis.

On Friday, July 5, Lewis was arrested for her reported involvement in Wednesday's shooting. Preliminary charges of attempted first-degree intentional homicide (party to the crime), maintaining a drug trafficking place, and obstructing an officer are being recommended to the Marathon County District Attorney's Office. A probable cause hearing to establish bond will be held today at 2 PM in Marathon County Circuit Court. A date and time for Lewis' initial appearance will be set at the hearing. Formal charges are at the discretion of the Marathon County District Attorney.

We are asking for the public's assistance in locating a person of interest, wanted for questioning, in connection with the shooting. The person of interest is Maurice Bell (AKA "JB") (DOB: 9/26/1986) (pictured). Bell has ties to both Wausau and Chicago, IL, and is also wanted by the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. Anyone with knowledge of Bell's whereabouts is asked not to approach Bell, but to contact the Wausau Police Department at 715-261-7811.

Both cases remain under investigation. Should you have information about either incident, please contact the Wausau Police Department at 715-261-7800. If you would like to remain anonymous, you can submit

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a tip through Marathon County Crime Stoppers by calling 1-877-409-8777 or by visiting [www.marathoncountycrimestoppers.org](http://www.marathoncountycrimestoppers.org).

Additional details will be provided when information for release becomes available.

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