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MEDIA RELEASE

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RE. Update on juvenile assault (7/1/2019) and related shooting (7/3/2019), Wausau, WI

The Wausau Police Department continues to investigate the roadside assault of a 15 year old male that took place on Monday, July 1, in the 600 block of Chicago Avenue. Also, in the related drive-by shooting on Wednesday, July 3, at the intersection of N 1st Street and McIndoe Street, police are still actively searching for a shooting suspect and is requesting the public's assistance in locating 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.

We've made significant progress in our investigation into the assault of the 15 year old male, who was left in critical condition and remains hospitalized. On Thursday, July 11, a 17 year old Weston resident, a 16 year old Kronenwetter resident, and a 15 year old Weston resident were taken into police custody in connection with the assault. On Friday, July 12, a fourth suspect, a 15 year old Rothschild resident, was also taken into police custody. The 17 year old, by virtue of his age, is considered to be an adult by law and was identified by police as Michael P Hrobsky (DOB: 7/7/2002). Remaining names are being withheld, as they are juveniles.

Hrobsky remains in custody at the Marathon County Jail. The 16 year old and two 15 year olds remain in custody in Marathon County's Juvenile facilities. Hrobsky will make an appearance today in Marathon County Circuit Court at 2 PM for a probable cause hearing. The remaining juveniles will appear at 3:30 PM for a plea hearing, which is the juvenile equivalent to an initial appearance. A preliminary charge of physical abuse to a child, intentionally causing great bodily harm, with use of a dangerous weapon has been referred for each party to the Marathon County District Attorney (a Class C felony). Formal charges, subject to change, are at the discretion of the Marathon County District Attorney.

It is expected that the Marathon County District Attorney will file a petition to waive the 16 year old and two 15 year olds into adult court. The ultimate decision whether the juveniles will be waived into adult court will be at the discretion of a Marathon County Circuit Court judge.

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 a tip through Marathon County Crime Stoppers by calling 1-877-409-8777 or by visiting www.marathoncountycrimestoppers.org.

Additional details will be provided as part of the criminal complaint.

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