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UPDATE ON OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING

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On December 18, 2007, at approximately 6:50 p.m., an officer from the Clinton Police Department and a Deputy from the Rock County Sheriff's Office were investigating a threats complaint at 207 Mill Street in the Village of Clinton.

While at the residence, occupants of the residence and officers were confronted by an armed suspect who apparently entered the residence from the rear. This suspect apparently fired one round from a shotgun striking a family member at the residence. The Clinton Officer and Rock County Deputy both apparently fired on the suspect and fatally wounded him.

The wounded occupant of the residence, Marilyn Smith, age 58, was transported to St. Anthony's Hospital in Rockford by helicopter. Her condition at this time is unknown.

The deceased suspect in this incident has been identified as Timothy Edward Harrington, age 36.

Investigation of this incident is being conducted by agents of the Wisconsin Division of Criminal Investigation and the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory. When that investigation has been completed, it will be forwarded to the Rock County District Attorney's Office for review, which is standard procedure in an incident of this type.

The Dane County Sheriff's Office has been requested to conduct an administrative review of this shooting on behalf of both the Rock County Sheriff's Office and the Clinton Police Department. That investigation is to determine if the actions of the involved officers were in compliance with their respective agency's policies and procedures. This is also a standard step that is conducted in incidents of this type.

Very preliminary information indicates that the officers' actions to protect members of the family were appropriate.

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