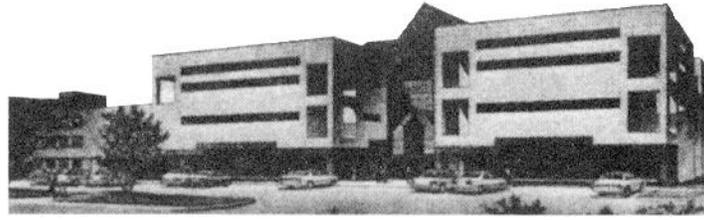




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Officer Involved Critical Incident

On Thursday, March 19, 2026, at approximately 9:12 a.m., a critical incident occurred involving deputies with the Waukesha County Sheriff's Office in the area of Highway 67 north of Highway 18.

Preliminary information indicates deputies were made aware of a pursuit entering Waukesha County from Jefferson County. At the Jefferson County line, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office terminated its involvement in the pursuit. After the pursuit was terminated, Waukesha County deputies obtained information that the operator possibly had felony warrants for their arrest. A Waukesha County deputy subsequently located the suspect vehicle and attempted a traffic stop. The vehicle fled, and a pursuit was initiated.

During the pursuit, the suspect vehicle became disabled in a field. An armed male suspect then exited the vehicle and displayed a handgun. We believe in fearing for their lives, deputies responded by using deadly force. A handgun was located at the scene in close proximity to the suspect.

Emergency medical assistance was provided; however, the subject was pronounced deceased at the scene. No deputies were injured.

An independent investigation into the incident is being conducted by the Walworth County Sheriff's Office. At this time, no additional information is being released regarding the suspect due to the ongoing investigation. Additional information will be released when appropriate.

There is no known threat to the public at this time.

**Lieutenant Nicholas Wenzel
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