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**Menasha Officer Attacked While Investigating a Disturbance with an Axe**  
9/15/2020

On 9/15/2020 at 4:29 pm Menasha officers were dispatched to a business in the 1200 Block of Appleton Rd for the report of a man with an axe causing a disturbance. Upon arrival, store personnel had convinced the man, a 25 year old Fox Crossing resident, to put the axe down. An officer arrived and continued to deescalate the situation. During the conversation, the suspect began walking towards the axe. Without provocation, he struck the officer multiple times in the head with his fists. An off-duty police officer, who happened to be in the store on unrelated business, and other customers, worked with the Menasha officer to gain control of the subject who was violently fighting. When other officers arrived, an electronic control device (Taser®) was used to assist in taking the person into custody.

The male subject was walked outside of the business to be checked over by medical personnel. While waiting for medical care, the subject was able to flee on foot, but was caught shortly thereafter in the 1100 Block of Geneva Drive. A second officer was injured during the foot chase. Both officers were treated for their injuries at a local hospital and released. Due to the Taser deployment, the suspect was transported for medical clearance before being taken to the Winnebago County Jail. The police department is requesting two charges of Battery to Officer, Disorderly Conduct while in Possession of a Dangerous Weapon and Escape.

The Menasha Police Department would like to thank the quick actions of several alert citizens, store employees, and other responding agencies in helping the officers stabilize this incident.

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There is no further information release planned as part of this incident:  
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