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News Release

TO: News Media Group

FROM: Sheriff Duane Waldera

INCIDENT: Home Invasion – UPDATE

DATE: October 16, 2023

On October 12, 2023, at about 11:55 PM, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office received a call of a home invasion in the Village of Hixton. Facts and circumstances received during the initial investigation show that the suspect, Anthony Sylvester IV, armed himself with a firearm, entered a home without permission and confronted the occupants of the residence. During the confrontation, Sylvester stabbed one of the occupants at the residence and fled prior deputies arriving.

The Sheriff's Office has been investigating tips and possible leads received from the community regarding the case and possible location of Sylvester.

On Sunday, October 15th at around 1:56 PM, a citizen reported seeing Sylvester walk into a residence in Village of Hixton. Jackson County Deputies and the K-9 Unit responded to the location. With permission from the homeowner, a thorough search of the property was conducted, but Sylvester was not located. Assisting with this incident were members of the Wisconsin State Patrol, Black River Falls Police Department, and the Hixton Fire Department.

Continue to be vigilant, your assistance is greatly appreciated. Any sightings of Sylvester or information regarding his whereabouts, the witness should immediately call the Jackson County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center at 715-284-5357, extension 180 or submit a tip to jacksoncountycrimestoppers.com, or P3tips.com, or the P3tips mobile app, or by calling Jackson County Crimestoppers at 1-800-228-3203 extension 199. Delayed reports of sightings or information are still welcome, but the most helpful tips are those made as soon as the sighting happens or the information becomes available.

As a reminder, please allow law enforcement to do their job. During the recent follow-up in Hixton on the attempt to locate for Sylvester, law enforcement encountered numerous citizens too close the scene. This creates a safety issue for innocent bystanders and a security issue for law enforcement personnel. We understand that this matter is of high public interest, but we do not want anyone to be harmed. Please maintain a safe distance from the location so law enforcement can focus on the investigation and apprehension of the suspect that is still at large.