



# CITY OF LA CRESCENT

Department of Police

Chief Luke M. Ahlschlager



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## **\*Public Announcement\***

Dear La Crescent Community,

I hope this message finds all of you well. I am reaching out today to provide an update regarding the individual from our community who last week posted veiled threats targeting areas in La Crescent and La Crosse on social media, specifically on Facebook. This individual's Facebook threats caused a concern for our community and law enforcement acted to inform and alert the community. Efforts were also made by law enforcement to locate this individual to check his well-being and get him mental health help. The individual's location was ultimately determined to be in the Cincinnati, OH area and we learned he was using the public library system.

Early this morning, I received information from the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) advising the individual in question had been located and taken into custody. I followed up with the Cincinnati Police Department and a Supervisory Intelligence Analyst apart of the Greater Cincinnati Fusion Center confirmed that officers of the Cincinnati Police Department located the individual in question and took him into custody on a mental health hold. The individual was then taken to Psychiatric Emergency Services to be evaluated.

It is important to recognize that mental health is a complex issue, and law enforcement is working closely with mental health professionals to ensure that the individual in question receives the support and assistance they need. We believe in a compassionate and collaborative approach to dealing with mental health challenges, and our goal is to provide help and intervention while ensuring the safety of our community.

Please be assured that the La Crescent Police Department and other law enforcement agencies took this matter very seriously, and the safety and well-being of our community members are our top priorities. Officers investigated this situation and took appropriate measures to address the immediate concerns.

It is crucial for us as a community to support one another during challenging times. If you or someone you know is struggling with mental health issues, please reach out to the appropriate resources. There are organizations and professionals available to provide assistance, and we encourage everyone to look out for one another.

I appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we work to ensure the safety of our community. Please remain vigilant and report any suspicious or concerning behavior. Together, we can create a safe and supportive environment for all.

Sincerely – *Luke M. Ahlschlager, Chief of Police*