



Press Release

Date: February 1, 2015

Re: Police respond to call of a shooting

At about 10:45 p.m. on Sunday, February 1 Neenah Police received a phone call on their non-emergency line. The caller advised that a person had been shot in a specific home in the area of Henry and Adams Streets in Neenah. The caller further advised that a second person was in jeopardy of also being shot.

Patrol officers responded to the area and established control of the perimeter while the SWAT team was activated. Officers were able to make contact with the owner of the home and learned that it had been unoccupied for several months.

SWAT members then cleared the building and found no evidence of a shooting. A neighborhood canvas did not provide any additional information about the purported shooting.

About 15 minutes prior to the shooting call, Neenah Police received a complaint of someone setting off fireworks in the same general area. There was concern that the reported fireworks might actually have been gunfire. Investigation revealed the fireworks complaint was not related to the alleged shooting, when the caller verified he had actually seen the fireworks.

The investigation into the shooting complaint continues. At this point it appears to have been a hoax, although the motive is unknown. The call resulted in a significant mobilization of police resources at the expense of taxpayers. The Neenah Police Department will work diligently to identify the caller and hold that person responsible for the apparent hoax.

Anyone who has any information about this incident is urged to contact the Neenah Police Department or Winnebago County Crimestoppers.

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