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Officer-Involved Shooting; City of Sparta

An investigation continues today into a shooting incident that occurred on Thursday, January 19, 2012, in the City of Sparta. The shooting occurred at approximately 10:10 p.m. near the 400 block of Austin Street and involved a City of Sparta Police Officer and a lone male subject. The male subject was taken to Mayo Clinic Health Systems, Franciscan Hospital in Sparta and later transferred to Gunderson Lutheran Hospital in La Crosse, with what are believed to be life-threatening injuries. The involved police officer was not injured and as matter of standard practice, has been placed on administrative leave. Sparta Police Officers were responding to a 9-1-1 hang-up call at the time of the shooting. No additional suspects are being sought and there is no reason to believe the community is at risk.

The Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation, is investigating the shooting with the assistance of the Sparta Police Department, Wisconsin State Patrol, and Monroe County Sheriff's Office. No additional details will be released prior to Monday, January 23, 2012.

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