



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Blaine Investigation Update**

On 12-10-17 at 1905 hrs, the Anoka County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division and Crime Scene Unit was requested to an address in the City of Blaine in the 3200 Block of 91<sup>st</sup> Ave Curve NE. The address was the scene of a domestic assault call that resulted in an Officer Involved shooting, however no one had been hit by the gunfire.

At 1846 hrs, Officers were dispatched to the address on a Domestic Assault call where an adult male was allegedly threatening others with a butcher knife, stating he was going to slit the throats of the occupants of the home. The alleged suspect was also reportedly brandishing a handgun. Blaine Police Officers were already on priority calls for service and requested assistance from the Centennial Lakes Police Department. Two Officers from the Centennial Police Department were close and responded to the call. Soon after arriving the Centennial Lakes Officers confronted the suspect who was still brandishing the handgun and not compliant and a single shot was fired. No one was hit by the officers shot. The suspect was brought under control when CLPD officers deployed a Taser. The "handgun" was later determined to be a BB gun. No one was injured by the alleged suspect.

The alleged suspect in this case is identified as:

Dayle Alan Branson DOB: 6-28-1953  
3234 91<sup>st</sup> Curve NE  
Blaine, MN 55449

Branson was transported to the Anoka County Jail where he was booked after being arrested for 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Assault. The criminal case involving Branson will be handled by the Blaine Police Department. Branson HAS BEEN ARRESTED BUT IS NOT YET CHARGED. The Anoka County Attorney's Office will determine if/what criminal charges are appropriate.

The Officer Involved Shooting will be investigated by the Anoka County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division. There will be no other information about the OIS shared now.

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