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At approximately 5:09 A.M. on Sunday, May 06, 2007, North Fond du Lac Police received a report that an intoxicated man had fired a gunshot inside his residence during an argument with his girlfriend and a friend of theirs. The incident occurred at 205 Blackbird Street. The girlfriend and friend of the suspect fled the residence and called police. The shot is believed to have been fired at approximately 4:00 A.M.

A perimeter was established around the residence and the suspect eventually surrendered to police. He exited the residence at approximately 8:34 A.M., was unarmed, and was taken into custody without incident. The Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Department – SWAT team assisted in the incident. The suspect is being identified as Christopher R. Riner (26 years of age, resident of 205 Blackbird Street, North Fond du Lac, WI).

Subsequent investigation has revealed that Riner, his 22 year old girlfriend, and a 23 year old acquaintance of both Riner and his girlfriend had spent the evening visiting several taverns in the City of Fond du Lac. Riner and his girlfriend apparently began arguing during the course of the evening and he eventually left on his own to walk home. Riner is believed to have called his girlfriend on her cell phone and instructed her to come to his residence to remove her belongings that he would have placed on the front porch.

Riner's girlfriend and the male acquaintance arrived at Riner's residence shortly before 4:00A.M. and the three began arguing. Riner had a semi-automatic 9mm handgun in his possession and began waving it in the direction of his girlfriend and the other male party. Shortly thereafter, Riner fired one round in the direction of his girlfriend and the male party and the bullet struck a wall approximately 6 feet from male subject. According to statements by Riner's girlfriend and the male acquaintance they tried to persuade Riner to calm down and Riner eventually put the gun away. The bullet traveled through the wall and into the attached garage.

Riner's girlfriend and the male party gathered some of her belongings and left the residence. The two traveled to the Kwik Trip located at 1123 W. Johnson Street where they called police.

North Fond du Lac Police have recovered the handgun that is believed to have been used in the shooting incident. A number of other firearms were also found in the residence.

Additionally, we have recovered forensic evidence related to the actual discharge of the weapon in the house.

Riner was interviewed by North Fond du Lac Police and was subsequently booked into the Fond du Lac County Jail on 2 Counts of First Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety (Felony). Also, because of the nature of the relationship between Riner and his girlfriend this is classified as a domestic abuse crime.