

# Press Release

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On May 18, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. the Onalaska Police Department responded to a fight in the area of the Onalaska Library. It was reported that one person had been stabbed. The victim was on scene at the Kwik Trip located at 229 Oak Forest Dr. The suspect fled on foot north bound on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. S. The stabbing took place in the driveway of the library near 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. S. The victim and the suspect were acquainted with each other.

Officers from the Onalaska Police Department, La Crosse County Sheriff's Department, Campbell Police Department and U.S. Fish & Wildlife responded in an attempt to locate the suspect. At one point the suspect made entry into a residence on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. S. in an attempt to hide. The suspect was located by the resident and jumped out a window and fled on foot. Shortly after, a deputy with the La Crosse County Sheriff's Department located the suspect and gave chase on foot. He was joined by an Onalaska police officer in the alley of the 200 block of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. S. The foot pursuit continued across 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. S toward the river. An officer with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife joined the pursuit as it went down a steep embankment, across the railroad tracks and into the tree line. The pursuit continued through a marshy wetland area continuing toward the river. As the suspect came out of the wetland area into a clearing he was taken to the ground and taken into custody.

The victim in this case was transported to a local hospital and underwent surgery for the laceration that he received to the arm. The suspect was transported to the La Crosse County Jail pending several charges; Substantial Battery, Theft from a Person, Criminal Trespass to a Dwelling, Resisting by Fleeing, Bail Jumping, and Damage to Property.