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NEWS RELEASE

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On Friday, October 30, 2020, (the day before Halloween) at approximately 6:40pm, Joshua Terry was involved in a shooting on the side of I-43 near Northwoods Road in the Town of Port Washington. Joshua was 41 years old, a military veteran, a husband and a longtime Cedarburg resident. To date, the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office has been unable to identify those involved in the incident or determine the exact circumstances surrounding the shooting. As a result, the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office is again appealing to the public for assistance.

Investigation to date has determined Joshua may have been involved in a minor motor vehicle accident while traveling northbound on I-43. We believe Joshua and the other motor vehicle involved immediately pulled to the side of the road. It is believed that Joshua quickly exited his vehicle and approached the other driver in a possibly agitated manner. Given his large stature at 6 foot 7 inches with a large build, his manner of approach, and the lack of natural or artificial light in the area, we recognize the other driver may have been intimidated or even frightened by Joshua during this encounter. Due to what the other driver may have perceived as a potential threat, Joshua was shot during this interaction. In a panic, it appears the other driver immediately left the scene and to date has not provided an account of the events leading to the death of Joshua.

Based upon the foregoing, it is believed the other driver is someone who regularly carries a firearm in their vehicle and may be a concealed carry permit holder. It is believed that this person may be struggling with what has happened and may be exhibiting changes in behavior to include

paranoia, depression, anxiety that may be causing significant changes in how they interact with family, friends and associates. It may also be causing marked instability in their daily lives with signs similar to post traumatic stress disorder. In the days, weeks and months that followed this incident, this person may have exhibited a sharp increase in drug/alcohol use. They may also have changed their physical appearance, sold or stopped using their vehicle, missed work, and withdrawn from normal activities or even left the area without providing any logical explanation. Given the stress they are likely facing, we are concerned this individual has the potential to cause harm to themselves or others.

If members of the community know of someone who fits the above description or have any other information relevant to this investigation, please call the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office at 262-284-7172. Information can also be provided anonymously via text message by texting keyword OZSO and your message to 847411. The family of Joshua Terry has established a \$10,000 reward fund to encourage those with information to come forward.

For those interested in further information on this case or personal information regarding the life of Joshua Terry, please click the link below. Additional information will be loaded to this link as it becomes available.

<https://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/2686/Joshua-Terry-Homicide-Investigation>