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“Auburn Police Homicide Update”

On March 7th, 2009 at approximately 9:56am, two Auburn Police Officers were in the area of Willard St. and Dexter Ave searching the area for Jerry L. White, the primary suspect in the earlier nights homicide of his estranged wife Lisa A. White. The Officers observed an individual in the east side yard of 6 Willard St. leaning against a fence holding what appeared to be some type of long gun. The individual was standing in between the fence and a large pine tree. Officers exited their patrol car and then attempted to verbally engage the individual who could now be seen holding the barrel of the long gun towards his chest. The individual ignored all commands being yelled to him by Officers.

A short time later the individual fired the weapon into his chest and fell to the ground where he and the weapon were then secured by Officers. Auburn Fire Department personnel arrived and began administering emergency medical aid to the subject who was identified as Jerry L. White. White was then transported to the P&C Parking lot on Genesee St. where he was airlifted to University Hospital in Syracuse, NY where he subsequently died of his self inflicted gun shot wound.

The investigation is continuing into the events that led up to this tragic incident and anyone with information is encouraged to call lead investigator Kyle Platt at 315-255-4702.

The Auburn Police Department would like to thank the New York State Police, Cayuga County Sheriff's Office and United States Marshals Service for their assistance with this investigation.

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