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PRESS RELEASE

Sheriff Todd Dahl reports that a Crow Wing County Deputy was injured while attempting to take a probation violation suspect into custody. The incident started at approximately 4:04 pm on November 8, 2017. The suspect, Brandon Morris age 33 Baxter, MN was inside his vehicle that was parked in the Crow Wing County Judicial Center Parking Lot. Morris abruptly reversed the vehicle he was driving and the vehicle struck Crow Wing County Sheriff's Deputy Tony Brunhuber.

Morris then fled the parking lot in his vehicle. Another deputy witnessed what had taken place and radioed for assistance. Numerous officers from the Sheriff's Office, Brainerd Police Department and the Baxter Police Department responded to the call for help. Deputy Brunhuber was transported by ambulance to Essentia Hospital in the City of Brainerd was treated and later released.

The search for Morris concentrated in the area of Southwest Brainerd. Morris was located at approximately 7:02 pm in a vehicle parked inside the garage of a residence located on the 600 block of Southwest 6th Street. Morris was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Crow Wing County Jail for numerous charges.

An acquaintance of Morris, Ashley Johnson age 27 Baxter, MN was arrested for Obstructing the Legal Process and Aiding an Offender to Avoid Arrest.

Sheriff Dahl says "This was an absolute disregard for human life, no question about it. I personally was involved in the response, as well as the search, and this could have easily resulted in the death of one of our deputies. We look forward to a speedy recovery and Deputy Brunhuber returning to work in the very near future. As for Morris, my hope is that he is prosecuted and sits for a very long period of time."

With courage, honor and integrity, we protect the rights and dignity of all citizens. In partnership with our communities, we strive to preserve the peace and are dedicated to excellence in the delivery of public safety services.