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NEWS RELEASE – Update #5

Dangerous Burglary Suspect Wanted for Questioning

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UPDATE (#5):

The search for Joseph A. Jakubowski (M/W, DOB: 07/21/84, 5'10", 200 lbs, green eyes and brown hair) is still continuing this Sunday morning. Staffing levels for investigators continue to be in the range of one hundred and fifty local, state and federal law enforcement officers and support personnel. Additionally, federal authorities are using their resources to investigate any leads that may be developed outside of this local area. Currently, investigators have followed up on approximately three hundred and twenty tips and leads and still have approximately fifty that need to be resolved.



Photo taken on 4/4/17 at 1:00 p.m. at the Mobil Gas Station, 1215 Milton Avenue, Janesville, WI

As a result of anti-religion sentiment depicted in Jakubowski's manifesto, local law enforcement has increased patrols at churches within their jurisdictions. No disturbances have been reported at any local church. However, law enforcement did receive a suspicious circumstance report near St. Mary's Church, on East Wall Street in Janesville. A male subject was reported to be placing weapons into the trunk of a vehicle there. Local law enforcement, supplemented by tactical resources responded and made contact with a resident who lived near there. The resident explained that he was preparing to go target shooting. A tactical team conducted a consent search of his residence in the 400 block of Wall Street and his story was verified.

Based on local research, it appears that the only church to close today was the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Sun Prairie, WI. It was previously reported that a suspicious subject who looked similar to Jakubowski had stopped by the church on Thursday and that was reported as the primary reason for the cancellation of their religious services today. Investigators have not been able to verify if the suspicious person from Thursday was actually Jakubowski.

Investigators wish to continue to remind citizens that Jakubowski should be considered, "armed and dangerous". We continue to actively seek any tips or information related to Jakubowski. Direct sightings should be immediately reported to "911" and general tips or historical information should be directed to 1-800-CALLFBI (225-5324). Law enforcement continues to be very appreciative of all of the assistance that they have received from the community with this difficult situation.

At this point, there is not a press conference scheduled regarding this case. It is anticipated that a press conference will be scheduled in the future if there are any major changes in this investigation.

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