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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE INVESTIGATION UPDATE

MORRISON – The Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Internal Investigation (DII) continues to investigate an officer involved shooting that occurred the morning of October 21, 2022 when ISP Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) assisted the Blackhawk Area Task Force in executing a search warrant in the 600 block of North Cherry Street, Morrison. The armed suspect shot during the search warrant is 48-year-old Aaron Linke. Linke was taken to the hospital where he remained on life support until today, but was declared brain dead on October 22, 2022. The name of the second individual who suffered a gunshot wound is not being released at this time as that person is considered a witness. ISP does not provide ongoing medical updates.

While executing the search warrant, upon entry, officers heard what they thought were gun shots from within the residence. During a search, officers encountered Linke, who was pointing a firearm at officers and an ISP officer fired at Linke. ISP officers subsequently provided emergency medical aid to Linke and called for an ambulance, which transported Linke to an area hospital. Officers continued to search the home and in a separate room from where the officer involved shooting occurred, found a female with a gunshot wound. She was taken to an area hospital.

The search warrant was for Possession with Intent to Deliver Methamphetamine, Possession of Contraband in a Penal Institution.

In processing the scene, officers recovered several firearms.

In accordance with the Police and Community Relations Improvement Act (50 ILCS 727) and the Illinois State Police Law (20 ILCS 2605), Special Agents of the Illinois State Police Division of Internal Investigation are investigating these events.

This investigation is open and ongoing. ISP is currently processing evidence and conducting interviews. Upon completion of the investigation, all evidence and facts will be submitted for review to the Whiteside County State's Attorney's Office. No additional information is available at this time.

All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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