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THEWES DEATH INVESTIGATION OFFICIALLY RULED HOMICIDE / SUICIDE

The Kronenwetter Police Department and Marathon County District Attorney's Office held a meeting and reviewed all the evidence, reports and autopsy results in regard to the death of DEBRA and BRYCE THEWES on September 18, 2007 at 2:45 PM. The investigation has been officially closed and ruled a homicide/suicide.

On September 18, 2007 officers were working with the father of BRYCE THEWES attempting to solve a child custody dispute, as DEBRA THEWES had not returned their son to his father. DEBRA would not answer the door to her home, take any phone calls and show any signs of intending to return BRYCE. At 2:45 PM officers from the Kronenwetter Police Department served a search warrant at 2131 Glendalen Road in Kronenwetter, the DEBRA THEWES residence, in an attempt to locate BRYCE.

As officers breached the residence, shots were fired in the basement. Officers went to the basement and located BRYCE THEWES (11) of Wausau fatally wounded and DEBRA THEWES (39) of Kronenwetter with a self-inflicted gunshot wound. DEBRA was transported by ambulance but later died as a result of her wounds.

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