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## OSHKOSH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Date:	September 9, 2013
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Subject: Battery-Substantial

The Oshkosh Police Department is investigating a substantial battery that occurred in the area of High Ave and Division St. in the early morning hours on Saturday, September 7, 2013.

The Oshkosh Police Department met with a 23 year-old male from Princeton, WI at the Aurora Hospital in Oshkosh. The 23 year-old male had multiple head and facial injuries.

The 23 year-old reported that he was walking in the downtown Oshkosh area at about bar time after a night out in the college area with a friend when the friend began conversing with a white female. A male black approached the 23 year-olds friend and the friend was punched by the male black. The male black ran and the 23 year-olds friend ran after him. Shortly after, the 23 year-old male and the female began arguing when the same male black, who had run, approached the 23 year-old male from behind with a metal pipe and swung the pipe at the 23 year-old. A group of male blacks knocked the 23 year-old male to the ground. The 23 year-old said there were 4-6 males that were punching and kicking him. The 23 year-old was able to get up and run from the area to a friend's house.

The 23 year-old described the first male that had the pipe as black, 20-24 years old, about 6' tall and wearing a black hat, blue jeans and a white tank top. The female was described as white, 5'4" to 5'8" tall, slim and was wearing a white tank top and blue jeans. The other males involved in the battery were black with no further description.

The 23 year-old suffered severe injuries to the face and head that may require surgery.

The Oshkosh Police Department is encouraging anyone with information in regards to this incident to contact (920) 236-5700.

If you have information and would like to remain anonymous, please contact Winnebago County Wide Crime Stoppers at (920) 231-8477 or text IGOTYA and you crime tip to 274637 or go to <u>www.winnebagocrimestoppers.org</u> and submit your text via the web. You may be eligible for up to a \$1,000 reward for information leading to an arrest.