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Date: July 2, 2015
Time: 7:00 A.M.
Contact: Officer Joseph Nichols
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Subject: "Swatting" Incident

MEDIA RELEASE

The Oshkosh Police Department is investigating a "Swatting" prank call that was received at the Oshkosh Police Department.

Oshkosh Police received the call from a male at about 4:05 AM on Thursday, July 2, 2015 stating he shot his girlfriend and tied up his niece in at a business in the 2200 block of Omro Road.

Oshkosh Police and the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department responded to the business where the caller said the shooting had allegedly occurred. Entry was gained to the building, but no evidence of a shooting was located.

The owner of the building said that everything was in order.

The investigation is continuing into this incident.

"Swatting" is a prank call designed to have a law enforcement response to a hoax victim. "Swatting" is a very dangerous prank and uses many law enforcement and other emergency services; which degrades service to other areas of the city.

The Oshkosh Police Department is highly encouraging anyone that may know the caller or about the incident to call (920) 236-5700.

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

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