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MEDIA RELEASE

Crystal Lake Man Taken into Custody by Lake County Sheriff's K9 after Trespassing, Striking Police Dog

On April 8, 2020, at approximately 6:15PM, Lake County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a residence in the 34700 block of North Iroquois Trail, Unincorporated McHenry (located in Lake County), for a criminal trespass to residence complaint.

While on their way to the scene, sheriff's deputies learned Robert B. Hunter, Jr., 33, of the 400 block of Buckingham Drive, Crystal Lake, was breaking into a relative's home and was armed with a pipe.

Sheriff's deputies arrived and located Hunter inside the home. The deputies attempted to communicate with Hunter, advising him to exit the home. Hunter was non-compliant, attempted to slam the front door on the deputies, and retreated into the home. The deputies, including Sheriff's K9 Diesel, entered the home and Hunter threw a glass container at them. He then attempted to barricade himself inside a bathroom.

Sheriff's deputies forced the bathroom door open and gave Hunter instructions to exit, warning him K9 Diesel would be released if he refused to comply. Hunter continued to refuse, and K9 Diesel was released. K9 Diesel bit Hunter on the arm and Hunter swung at K9 Diesel, striking him, causing K9 Diesel to bite Hunter a second time. Hunter was then taken into custody.

K9 Diesel was uninjured and a sheriff's deputy sustained a minor cut to the head during the incident. Hunter was transported to Northern Illinois Medical Center (NIMC) in McHenry, where he received treatment for the dog bite. Following the treatment, he was released back into the custody of sheriff's deputies and transported to the Lake County Jail.

After reviewing the facts of the incident, the Lake County State's Attorney's Office approved the following charges for Hunter:

Assault with a Weapon (class 4 felony)
Aggravated Resisting Arrest (class 4 felony)
Criminal Trespass to Residence (class 4 felony)
Striking a Police Dog (class A misdemeanor)
Violating an Order of Protection (class A misdemeanor)

Hunter remains held in the Lake County Jail pending an initial court hearing this morning.

All defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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