

# Press Release

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## **Unintentional Shooting**

**Eagle River, Wisconsin, Vilas County, Tuesday, August 9, 2011 9:30 AM—**

On August 8, 2011 the Vilas County Sheriff's Office completed its internal investigation into the Peterson/Walker unintentional shooting which occurred on July 25, 2011 in the Town of Arbor Vitae.

Based upon the information developed through the course of the internal investigation and the investigation conducted by the Oneida County Sheriff's Office, it has been determined that, at the time of the shooting, it was Deputy Peterson's belief that he was about to be attacked by a potentially deadly wild animal, and that he believed he was faced with the threat of imminent death or great bodily harm. Considering the totality of the circumstances, the use of deadly force was justified. Deputy Peterson acted in accordance with his training and did so in compliance with the Policies and Procedures of the Vilas County Sheriff's Office. Therefore the internal investigation is closed. No disciplinary action will be taken against Deputy Peterson and he will be returned to duty.

Sheriff Frank Tomlanovich