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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE OSHKOSH POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Date: 11-19-2024 Time: 07:30 PM

Contact: Lt Rob Kraemer

Second Shift Patrol Supervisor

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Subject: Weapon Complaint

On 11/19/2024 at 3:23 PM, the Oshkosh Police Department was notified by an anonymous citizen of an individual in the 300 block of N Eagle Street who possibly had a firearm on them. Officers saturated the area and notified the School Resource Officer at nearby Oshkosh West High School of the incident in the area of the school. An Officer observed the subject with the firearm near a church in the area, the subject quickly left through residential yards but was located approximately a block away and detained. An extensive search of the area produced a hidden facsimile firearm in the area the individual was initially seen by an Officer.

As a result of the investigation, a juvenile from Oshkosh will be referred to the juvenile justice system on criminal charges of Disorderly Conduct and Restrictions on Use of Facsimile Firearms. The investigation did not reveal any threat to a specific individual or location.

The Oshkosh Police Department wishes to remind all parents that facsimile or replica handguns can be easily mistaken for real firearms by law enforcement officers and the general public due to their realistic appearance. This can quickly escalate situations and lead to potentially tragic outcomes during disturbances. We strongly encourage parents to be aware of the risks associated with their children having facsimile weapons.

The safety of our citizens is our top priority. If anyone has information regarding this incident, they are encouraged to contact the <u>Oshkosh Police</u> <u>Department</u> at 920-236-5700. If you have information about this incident, but wish to remain anonymous, please contact the Winnebago County Crime Stoppers at 920-231-8477; or through the P3 App.