



## Oregon Police Department

**\*\*Media Release\*\***

**March 4, 2024**

**Incident:** Negligent Handling of Burning Materials and Threats to Law Enforcement

**Date:** March 4, 2024

**Location:** Oregon, Wisconsin

On March 3, 2024 at approximately 4:26 p.m., Oregon Police Officers and Oregon Fire responded to 135 Jill Court in the Village of Oregon for a structure fire. The homeowner had burned material on his deck which caused the deck to catch fire. As Oregon Police and Fire arrived on scene, the homeowner refused to come outside. Oregon Fire was able to extinguish the fire. The homeowner yelled profanities at officers through an open window while the fire department extinguished the fire. The homeowner was identified as Jeremy Gempeler.

On that same day at approximately 11:37 p.m., Oregon Officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Jill Court for a disturbance involving Gempeler. As Oregon Police were talking with Gempeler through an open window, Gempeler threatened to shoot at the officers.

On March 4, 2024 at approximately 8:27 a.m., Oregon Officers were dispatched to 135 Jill Court in the Village of Oregon to assist Oregon Fire with a possible fire on the deck of the residence. Gempeler eventually exited the residence, and Oregon Officers were able to take him into custody. No one was harmed in the three incidents involving Gempeler.

The suspect, Jeremy Gempeler who is 49 years of age from Oregon, Wisconsin, was arrested and tentatively charged with Threats to Law Enforcement, Negligent Handling of Burning Materials, Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest, and Misdemeanor Bail Jumping.

Pursuant to the directive of the Wisconsin Supreme Court as found in Supreme Court Rule 20:3.6, Trial Publicity, you are advised that a charge is merely an accusation, and the defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.