

**LA CROSSE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**  
**Follow-up Report**

16-19180      12/06/2016    06:00  
                  12/06/2016    13:00

RE: ARREST OF TODD KENDHAMMER

LOCATION: MENARDS, 1301 SAND LAKE RD, ONALASKA, WI, 54650

**INVOLVEMENTS:**

ARR: TODD ALLEN KENDHAMMER, M/W, DOB 03/16/1970, 5'10", 200, BRN, BRN, N6617 SCOTCH COULEE RD E, WEST SALEM, WI, 54669, EMPLOYED BY CROWN CORK & STEEL

**CHRG: 1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE INTENTIONAL HOMICIDE – 940.01(1)(A)**

**VEHICLE:**

SUSP VEH: WI TRUCK MT7996, 2001 DODGE RAM, BLK, TOWED BY PAUL'S TOWING

**NARRATIVE:**

**SUMMARY:**

On 12/06/2016 at 6:45 a.m. the suspect, Todd A. Kendhammer, was arrested at Menards at 1301 Sand Lake Rd. in the City of Onalaska for the charge of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Intentional Homicide. This arrest stems from a Criminal Investigation into an incident which occurred on 09/16/2016.

**INITIAL INFORMATION:**

On 12/06/2016 investigators from the La Crosse County Sheriff's Department and the WI Division of Criminal Investigation organized an attempt to apprehend the suspect, Todd A. Kendhammer. A briefing was conducted at Kwik Trip in West Salem at 6:00 a.m. Assignments were as follows:

- Sgt. Yehle and Inv. Leinfelder would maintain surveillance on the Kendhammer residence
- Sgt. Siegel and Deputy Amundsen would position themselves in the Village of West Salem
- DCI Special Agent Joe Welsch and me, Capt. Zimmerman, would be in the area of the Kendhammer residence in case any vehicles left the residence

At approximately 6:20 a.m. I was advised by Inv. Leinfelder that a vehicle was leaving the Kendhammer residence and was observed traveling westbound on Scotch Coulee Rd. E. until it reached County Road C where it continued southbound.

Special Agent Welsch and I maintained visual contact of the vehicle while traveling southbound on County Road C and observed it reach the intersection of County Road C and State Road 16 at which time it made a right turn, heading westbound on State Road 16.

Surveillance was maintained with the vehicle which left the Kendhammer residence, and as we approached Main St. and County Road OS in the City of Onalaska, Special Agent Welsch pulled alongside of the vehicle at which time I positively identified the operator as being Todd Kendhammer for previous contacts we had with him. The vehicle then took the on-ramp to Highway 53, heading northbound.

Special Agent Welsch and I along with Siegel and Amundsen observed the Kendhammer vehicle travel around the traffic circle and then headed westbound on Riders Club Rd. and made an immediate left turn into the Menards access road. We were advised by Deputy Amundsen that the Kendhammer vehicle came to a stop in front of the Menards Store in the City of Onalaska. Amundsen and Siegel parked in the parking lot at which time Special Agent Welsch and I pulled alongside of the suspect vehicle and I observed Todd Kendhammer get out of the driver's side of the vehicle and walk to the back of the truck where he removed an item from the bed.

Contact was made with Todd in front of the Menards store, at which time I went up and took Todd by his right arm and placed him under arrest for 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Intentional Homicide. Todd made two statements while being handcuffed and searched. These statements were "What"? And "Oh My God, Oh My God". Special Agent Welsch adjusted his handcuffs as Todd was complaining one was too tight and double locked them, checking them for proper fit. Sgt. Valencia was requested and arrived on scene and Todd was placed in his patrol vehicle and subsequently transported to the La Crosse County Jail.

#### VEHICLE REMOVAL:

The vehicle operated by Todd Kendhammer was towed by Paul's Towing.

The rental property that Todd was returning to Menards was taken into the store by Special Agent Welsch and I where it was turned over to Menards employees.

A booking card was completed at the jail for the charge of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Intentional Homicide, 940.01(1)(a), and Todd was turned over to jail staff.

No further information.

Capt. John Zimmerman #1042

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