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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Blue Mounds Death Investigation – Update

Madison, WI. Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

The Dane County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with the Blue Mounds Police Department, is continuing to investigate the death of a 54-year-old woman that occurred on Monday in the Village of Blue Mounds. The Dane County Medical Examiner's office has identified the deceased as Heather Schoonover, age 54, of Blue Mounds, WI. The details surrounding the manner of her death are still pending investigation.

Deputies responded to a disturbance at 10889 Smokey Mountain Trail around 11:45am on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Upon arrival, Dane County Deputies and Mount Horeb Police discovered evidence outside and forced entry into the residence. Once inside, law enforcement discovered Heather Schoonover with life-threatening injuries. In addition to local EMS, UW Med-Flight responded, but life-saving efforts were unsuccessful.

The person of interest, Sierra Schoonover, age 31, left the scene prior to law enforcement arrival in a Mazda CX5. Sierra Schoonover is the daughter of Heather Schoonover and resides at 10889 Smokey Mountain Trail with her mother. Shortly after noon, a third party reported a single-vehicle crash on Blue Rock Road near State Highway 78. DCSO Deputies and the Mt. Horeb Police Department responded to the crash and it was discovered Sierra was the lone occupant. Sierra was placed in custody after a short foot pursuit and was transported to a local hospital for treatment of injuries sustained in the crash. Dane County Deputies have been assigned to observe Sierra at the hospital while she received treatment.

Once released from supervised care, Sierra Schoonover will be transferred immediately and booked into the Dane County Jail on 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Intentional Homicide with the enhancers of Domestic Abuse and Use of a Dangerous Weapon.

The Dane County Sheriff's Office and the Blue Mounds Police Department are grateful to the Blue Mounds community for their assistance during this investigation. In addition, the Dane County Sheriff's Office and the Blue Mounds Police Department would like to thank the Mount Horeb Police Department, Mount Horeb Fire and EMS, New Glarus Fire and EMS, and UW Med Flight personnel at both scenes during this rapidly evolving incident.

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