



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Shooting investigation in Ham Lake**

A 21-year-old Elk River man is in critical condition with a gunshot wound to the chest after a reported incident in Ham Lake. On 12-13-17 at 1920 hours, Anoka County Sheriff's Office Deputies were dispatched to the Super American store on Hwy 65 and Constance Blvd to a male who was allegedly shot during a road rage incident.

Preliminary information indicated the vehicle the victim was traveling in was engaged in a road rage incident while traveling northbound on Hwy 65. As the investigation unfolded, it became apparent that the road rage story had been fabricated. We can now confirm, that no road rage episode took place.

As of 2200 hrs, the other occupants of the victim's vehicle were being questioned by Detectives. We are not seeking any suspect vehicles in the reported road rage incident. The exact circumstances surrounding the victim's gunshot are unknown at this time. A search warrant will be obtained to process the vehicle and we expect to gain information from that process.

The shooting victim was immediately taken to surgery at Mercy Hospital where he is listed in critical condition. The name of the victim is not being released pending the notification of family.

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