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URGING DANE COUNTY TO SEEK A FAIR AND AMICABLE RESOLUTION WITH NATASHA IVERSON REGARDING PROPERTY DAMAGE SUSTAINED DURING A LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATION

On April 10, 2024, Dane County law enforcement responded to a call involving an armed suspect in the Town of Albion, Dane County, Wisconsin that had forcibly entered into a residential home. The suspect was not a resident of the home where the standoff occurred, but had entered the residence of Natasha Iverson, a Dane County resident who had no connection to the criminal matter and cooperated fully with authorities.

Dane County law enforcement worked to de-escalate the situation and protect the lives and safety of those in the area, including household residents, through the use of available tactical measures, and the Dane County Board of Supervisors commends law enforcement for their engagement and their actions to protect the lives and safety of the household residents.

The use of chemical agents inside Ms. Iverson's home rendered the structure uninhabitable and resulted in extensive contamination requiring professional remediation, with out-of-pocket expenses totaling tens of thousands of dollars. Ms. Iverson and her family have faced prolonged displacement from their home and significant financial hardship through no fault of their own.

Corporation Counsel has indicated that the claim submitted by Ms. Iverson was procedurally invalid under Wis. Stat. § 893.80 due to the absence of a specified dollar amount and was recommended for denial by the county's insurance agent due to general immunity, and the Public Protection & Judiciary subsequently voted to postpone the matter indefinitely. This outcome leaves a Dane County resident victimized by a terrible crime with no clear path to relief through existing processes. The unique and extraordinary nature of this incident warrants careful and compassionate reconsideration of how best to support the affected homeowner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors respectfully urges the Dane County Executive to engage with Ms. Iverson and relevant County staff to seek fair, timely, and amicable measures to help mitigate the harm she endured as a result of the crime; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Board encourages the County Executive to explore whatever discretionary methods or other policy mechanisms that would allow for appropriate relief.