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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**UPDATE: Homicide Investigation**

A 47-year old woman died after being intentionally struck by a vehicle in the 11000 block of W North Av. The victim's identity is being withheld out of respect for the dignity of the victim's family and we send our heartfelt condolences to them as they process this tragedy.

We can confirm that the previously reported attempted auto theft at the Holiday Inn, 11111 W North Av and the pedestrian struck in the 11000 block of W North Ave are related. The victim tried to intervene in the attempted auto theft and was struck by a dark-colored SUV. The victim succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased on-scene. The suspect vehicle was last seen traveling eastbound on W North Ave at a high rate of speed around 1:50am.

Our investigators are following up on numerous investigative leads, verifying and confirming witness accounts, and developing new information. To protect the integrity of the investigation, we cannot release additional information at this time.

Anyone with information is urged to come forward and speak with investigators. Callers may remain anonymous and could be eligible for a cash reward. You can contact Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers at 414-771-TOSA (8672) or download the "P3 Tips" app in the Apple store or on Google Play.

Public safety is a shared responsibility. This homicide was not a targeted act, but a random act of senseless violence. Auto thefts and reckless driving are plaguing the metropolitan Milwaukee area. It's a problem affecting all community members and we need to come together to combat this issue. Each of us working together will produce a safe community for everyone.

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