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Sheriff Orders Investigation into Discharge of Confiscated Weapon by Deputy

Milwaukee, WI – Deputies responded to Froedtert Hospital Friday afternoon after being notified that a patient had a holstered firearm. Two deputies responded and secured the firearm from the patient. He had a valid concealed carry permit, but the hospital has posted restrictions against firearms in the building.

The firearm discharged as the deputy attempted to clear the weapon, and the bullet struck a wall. No one was struck or injured. The only people present in the exam room at the time were the two deputies and the patient.

Sheriff David Clarke ordered a criminal investigation into the discharge of this weapon by the deputy and it will be reviewed by the District Attorney's Office. The deputy has been suspended pending the outcome of the investigation.

Sheriff Clarke said, "Attempting to clear a firearm in a hospital examination room is unimaginable, rising to the level of recklessness. We don't train this way in the handling of our own firearms. Fortunately, nobody was struck. However, this lack of awareness by this deputy is serious enough to pursue a charge of Recklessly Endangering Safety. This is intolerable."

An internal investigation will also be conducted. No further information will be released pending the outcome of the investigations.

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