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**Beloit Police Announce Arrest of Suspect in Christmas Day Non-Fatal Shooting**

**February 23, 2024** - The City of Beloit Police Department is announcing an update in a December 25, 2023, shooting that left a 19-year-old victim injured in the area of Porter and Yates avenues.

Our detectives worked diligently on this investigation and obtained evidence that led to the identification of a suspect. On Feb. 16, 2024, a warrant was issued for attempted first-degree intentional homicide for Jahmir Smith, age 17, in Rock County Circuit Court.

On Feb. 22, 2024, members of the Beloit Violent Crime Interdiction Team and Detectives Bureau were in the 1200 block of Dewey Avenue in an attempt to locate Smith when they observed him leaving a residence in the area. While attempting to take Smith into custody, he fled on foot a short distance before being apprehended by officers. A loaded firearm was located in a backpack being carried by Smith.

Smith was arrested for the first degree attempted homicide warrant, as well as resist/obstruct, carrying a concealed weapon and juvenile in possession of a firearm.

Also arrested was Enrique A. Benitez-Avila, 23, of Beloit, for harboring/aiding a felon.

Thank you to the Beloit community for your ongoing support and cooperation as we work together to send a message that violent crimes are not tolerated in our city.

If you have information regarding any crimes in Beloit, please contact Greater Beloit Area Crime Stoppers at (608) 362-7463. Anonymous tips can also be left online by going to Crime Stoppers website: <http://gbacrimestoppers.com/> or directly at [www.p3tips.com/482](http://www.p3tips.com/482). An app is available for streamlined tip submission. Simply search "P3 Tips" in your app store. Once in the app, choose your location by selecting Wisconsin and then Greater Beloit Area Crime Stoppers.

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