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## IMMEDIATE USE PRESS RELEASE

**TYPE:** 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Home Invasion / Shooting

**DATE OF RELEASE:** April 15, 2019

**DATE AND TIME OCCURRED:** April 14, 2019 @ 3:30 am

**LOCATION:** Rapid City, Clearwater Twp. Kalkaska County

**SHOOTING VICTIM/  
HOME INVASION SUSPECT:** 26 year old, male from Kalkaska, MI.

**HOME INVASION VICTIMS:** 23 year old male from Rapid City, MI.  
25 year old female from South Boardman, MI.

**INFORMATION:** Sheriff Whiteford reports that on April 14, 2019 a home invasion occurred in Rapid City. The intruder, a 26 year old Kalkaska man was shot during the incident.

The suspect, a 26 year old male from Kalkaska went to the residence in Rapid City to make contact with his ex-girlfriend, a 25 year old female from South Boardman, residing with her current boyfriend, a 23 year old male from Rapid City. The suspect's first contact to the residence was at approximately 9:00 p.m. on April 13, 2019. The Kalkaska man was told to leave and he complied. The Kalkaska man subsequently sent threatening messages to his ex-girlfriend and her current boyfriend. The messages declared that he was going to return to the residence to fight the current boyfriend. On April 14, 2019 at approximately 3:30 a.m., the Kalkaska man returned to the residence and knocked on the side of the camper trailer. The home owner, in possession of a rifle, opened the door and demanded the Kalkaska man leave the residence. The Kalkaska man forced his way into the residence and a struggle over the rifle ensued. The Kalkaska man gained control of the rifle for a short time and then a second struggle for the rifle began. During the struggle, the home owner produced a small caliber pistol and shot the Kalkaska man once in the chest.

The home owner was detained for questioning and later released. The home invasion suspect was transported to Munson Medical Center for treatment where he underwent surgery and is recovering from the gunshot wound.

Assisting the Kalkaska Sheriff's Office in the incident was the Michigan Police Crime Lab and Detectives, Clearwater Township Fire Department and Kalkaska EMS.

**STATUS:** Open pending further investigation and review by the Kalkaska County Prosecutor's Office.

**APPROVED BY:**

PATRICK J. WHITEFORD, SHERIFF