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## **Media Release**

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Re: Suspicious Incident/ Hazmat Response

This evening, at approximately 7:00pm, the Antioch Police Department responded to the 300 block of West Rt. 173 for several calls reporting a nearly naked adult male running through the parking lots of area businesses while carrying two young children who were completely unclothed.

While Antioch Police Officers were responding to the area, additional 911 calls were received reporting the male subject was seen running in the middle of Route 173, still carrying the two young children. Officers confronted the subject in the parking lot of the Best Western Plus Hotel, located at 350 W. Rt. 173, where he refused to comply with police commands. After a brief struggle the subject was taken into custody.

The male subject, who remains in police custody was transported to an area hospital for further evaluation. The children, who were identified as being the subjects two and three year old children, were also transported to an area hospital as a precautionary measure.

During the investigation, Antioch Officers were led to an apartment located in the 1200 block of Main Street. While at this residence, officers detected an overpowering, unidentified chemical odor. The Antioch Fire Department was called to the scene to investigate the possible hazardous materials incident which led to an evacuation of the apartment complex and a closure of Main Street (Rt. 83) between Route 173 and Grimm Road. After an investigation by the Antioch Fire Department, it was determined that the hazmat incident was unfounded. The Antioch Fire Department was assisted in the hazmat investigation by the Lake Villa and Grayslake Fire Departments.

The identification of the male subject is being withheld at this time as the incident is still under investigation.

*This media release has been issued jointly by the Antioch Police Department and the Antioch Fire Department*

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