

JOINT PRESS RELEASE – BENTON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE AND BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

On Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at about 10:50 AM, Albany Police Department officers responded to a North Albany residence on a report of an older brother holding a knife against his younger brother. Officers approached the door of the residence, where they saw through the door window, at least one man holding a knife. The officers gave loud verbal commands. Officers were in close proximity when a man holding a knife opened the door and quickly began to exit towards the officers. Two officers fired multiple shots from their duty pistols, striking the man multiple times. Officers immediately began rendering aid to the man and continued to do so until medics arrived on scene.

It is common practice when officers use or are involved in the use of deadly physical force, that an outside agency is requested to conduct an investigation. The Benton County District Attorney’s Office and local law enforcement agencies operating in Benton County have adopted and approved a Deadly Physical Force Plan for these instances. Albany Police Department Chief Marcia Harnden requested an uninvolved agency, the Benton County Sheriff’s Office, investigate both the use of deadly force and crimes occurring between persons inside the home.

Pursuant to the investigation, the individual shot was later identified as Maverick Lyon (age 21). Maverick Lyon is in stable condition and continues to receive treatment for his injuries. Video obtained in the investigation showed Maverick Lyon was held by his older brother, John “Dakota” Lyon (age 27), at knife point prior to law enforcement’s contact. During the event, Maverick Lyon obtained a separate knife at the apparent direction of Dakota Lyon. Maverick Lyon had this knife in his hand at the door when he began to exit. Review of video showed Dakota Lyon also holding a knife.

John Dakota Lyon is charged by the Benton County District Attorney’s Office with Kidnapping in the Second Degree, Attempted Kidnapping in the Second Degree, Attempted Assault in the Second Degree, Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Coercion, Menacing, and Reckless Endangering of Another Person. Maverick Lyon is the named victim of those alleged crimes. The Benton County Sheriff’s Office submitted a Probable Cause Affidavit to the Benton County Circuit Court summarizing the events and charges against Dakota Lyon. The Probable Cause Affidavit was previously released to the press and is a public document. Additionally, the Benton County Parole and Probation department filed a parole violation against Dakota Lyon for various violations of his parole.

Both the investigation into the use of force and the actions for which Dakota Lyon is charged, are ongoing and will be conducted in cooperation with the Benton County District Attorney’s Office. Anyone who has information regarding these matters is encouraged to contact Benton County Sheriff’s Office to make a report at 541-753-8477.