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Incident ends with attempted murder charge

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Following an incident which took place in Ackley on Thursday morning, Aug. 3, 22-year-old Cristian Alejandro Larios is facing charges of Attempt to Commit Murder of a Peace Officer.

The Hardin County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call at approximately 4 a.m. regarding an individual having a mental crisis with a Deputy paged to the scene. An Eldora Police officer was also sent.

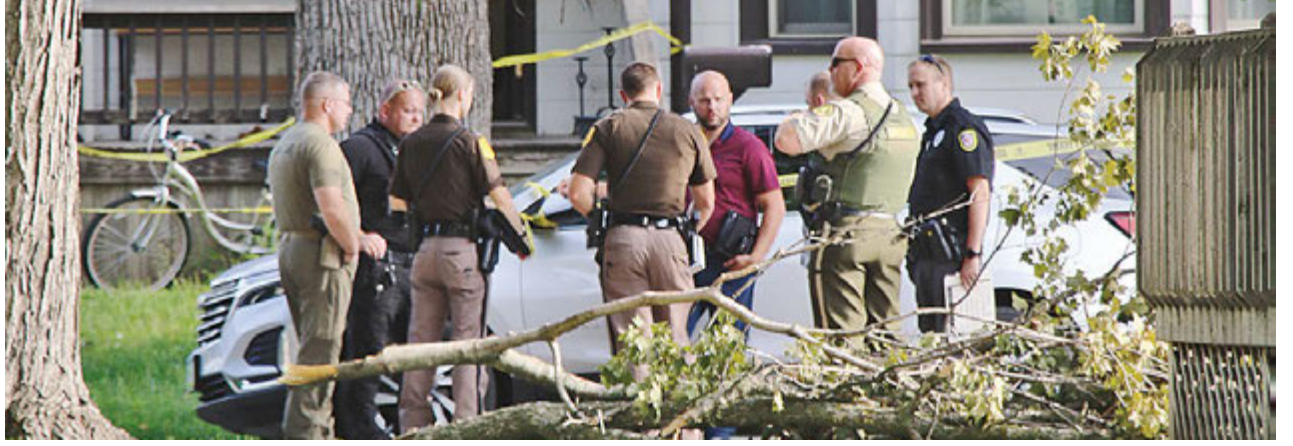
An hour later, law enforcement made contact with Larios who was brandishing a knife. Two officers discharged their service weapon and Larios

retreated into the basement of the home. He was not struck and later surrendered.

The names of the officers involved are not being released.

The Hardin County Sheriff's Office, Eldora Police, Ackley Police, Iowa Division of Criminal Investigations, Iowa State Patrol, and the Eldora-Ackley Ambulance Service responded.

Ackley Police Chief Gerry Frick states that the subject was identified as being suicidal and upon the arrival of law enforcement, was in possession of two knives. After a period of time, Larios 'came at' officers located at the rear of the home with a knife. He was reportedly tasered



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Law enforcement agencies were on scene in Ackley at 613 3rd Ave. after responding to an early morning call. On scene were several troopers from the Iowa State Patrol, Eldora Police, Ackley Police, Hardin County Sheriff's Office, and the DCI. The Eldora-Ackley Ambulance was also on scene.

but continued his advance toward officers before a service weapon(s) were discharged.

Hardin County Sheriff, Dave McDaniel, was

also on scene and said that four individuals are in custody relating to the incident. Those facing charges in addition to Larios are: Olivia

Odalay Garcia - Assault on Persons in Certain Occupations - Bodily Injury (an aggravated misdemeanor), Interference with Official Acts

- Bodily Injury (a serious misdemeanor); Rosa Olivia Reyes Garcia - Interference with Official Acts - Bodily Injury (simple misdemeanor). ●



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The Ackley Municipal Pool's zero-entry wading pool with splashpad features opened just last Monday. Many families took advantage of the play area which has been designed for children age eight and below.

a wet and wonderful time

Ackley Splashpad open to the public

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After six years of planning and fundraising, the Ackley Pool Betterment Committee was able to open the zero-entry wading pool with splashpad features to the public last Monday afternoon. Little fanfare accompanied the open-

ing, a simple Facebook post invited area youth to the opening.

At a cost of \$363,000, the final fundraising push came with a donation from Mark and PJ Heinze (Heinz Family Farms), though countless individuals, organizations, and others who

believed in the future of the children of Ackley - including members of the Pool Betterment Committee, made the project successful. The City of Ackley contributed \$200,000 through the 2020 GO Bond, and grant funds provided through

the Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation rounded out the donations for the project.

Demolition of the wading pool, which had closed in 2012

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Eagle Scout project launched

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With just months to complete his project, Trey Metzgar of Ackley is asking the community to share his journey to the highest and most coveted award in Scouting - the rank of Eagle Scout. Young Metzgar joined the local Cub Scout program at the age of 6. He moved through the program and on to the ranks of the Boy Scout program over the following years - Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star Scout, Life Scout, and is now on the final path which he hopes will help him earn his Eagle Scout Rank.

To attain the rank, Metzgar is planning to install a kayak launch at Prairie Bridges Park. All work must be complete before his 18th birthday this December. Not only is he hoping to meet that deadline, but because the project cannot be completed once the ponds at the park freeze, he's also hoping to beat Mother Nature to the punch.

"Our Ackley troop disbanded due to small numbers of scouts and no one to lead the troop," Metzgar



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The launch will make it easier for kayakers to get their vessel in and out of the water.

told. Still, the young man carried his dream to attain the Eagle Rank. He joined up with the Eldora Troop (#334) and continued on his journey.

The process to the path to Eagle is long with Metzgar having to not only finding a project which would benefit his community, but one which would be approved by the receiving organization (Prairie Bridges) as well as the Boy Scout Council or District.

Guidelines set up by the Boy Scouts of America include planning and development of the project - including address-

ing safety issues, leadership to others who will work along side the Scout throughout the process of completion, raising funds for the project, and that the project itself must benefit an organization other than the Boy Scouts of America.

In mid-July, after his service project was approved by both the Park and the Scouting organization, he began seeking funding for it.

The young man penned, copied, and mailed letters to various organizations across the community to introduce himself and explain his



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Trey Metzgar of Ackley is pursuing the rank of Eagle Scout. His project, a kayak launch, will be installed at the pond in Prairie Bridges. The young man is seeking donations to make his project a reality.

need for support. "My goal is to raise \$5,000 to help cover the

cost of the dock and installation," Metzgar began. Perhaps more near

and dear to his heart is the fact that he could quite possibly be the last Eagle Scout from Ackley as the troop disbanded a few years ago. More than that is the fact that he is a member of the Sons of the American Legion and he'd like nothing more than to have his name included on a plaque inside the Ackley Legion which holds the name of each and every scout from the community who has attained the rank of Eagle.

Metzgar notes that the best part of being in the scouting program is the many activities he's taken part in and the countless opportunities the program has provided him. Many were simply fun - camping and scouting trips to various locations, others were learning experiences, including those of the 23 merit badges he has already completed: Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communication, Cooking, Emergency Preparedness, Environmental Science, Citizenship in Society, Family Life, Personal Management, Robotics, Wood Carving, Golf, Fire Safety, Canoeing, and Welding. He continues to work on Cycling, Personal Fitness, and Camping and should receive a palm when he is done for completing more merit badges than required for his Eagle rank.

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