

Village of Webster, Burnett County WI

April 19, 1991

Synopsis of event that resulted in the shooting death of Burnett County Deputy Allen A. Albee, the non-fatal shooting of Polk County Deputy Michael J. Severson and the subsequent killing of the suspect, Robert K. Reineccius.

Suspect, Reineccius had been responsible for the non-fatal shooting of an individual in Chisago County MN in the evening of April 18<sup>th</sup>, 1991. Armed with a firearm taken from the victim, Reineccius returned to the Webster Wisconsin area where he was observed by law enforcement officers. A chase ensued however; Reineccius eluded officers by abandoning his vehicle and fleeing on foot, into a wooded area.

On the following day, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1991, Reineccius was spotted in the Village of Webster. Burnett County Sheriff asked for assistance from the WI State Patrol and the Polk County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Severson was among several officers that responded. Reineccius was located in a residential area and near an elementary school as several officers closed in on him. Reineccius was carrying a handgun at his side. Deputy Severson confronted Reineccius and Reineccius suddenly raised the gun and shot Deputy Severson in the face. Reineccius then turned and shot three times striking and killing Deputy Allen Albee. Five other officers then returned fire, striking Reineccius several times causing his immediate death.

Deputy Severson was transported to the Burnett General Hospital in Grantsburg and transferred to North Memorial Hospital in the Twin Cities area.

Subsequent investigation revealed that Reineccius felt that he could not stand to be incarcerated as a result of the shooting in Chisago County MN therefore, felt that endangering the lives of police officers would cause the officers to shoot him, effectively taking his own life.