

## Case Activity Report

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Case Number	Case Title
15-C233-010.AKM	Adams County Wolf Encounter - [REDACTED]
Activity	Date of Activity
Interview with [REDACTED]	12 October 2015
Attachments and Exhibit Reference	
Exhibit A: Map of Colburn Wildlife Area	

### Narrative<sup>1</sup>

On 12 October 2015, at approximately 6:00 PM, Wisconsin Conservation Warden Keith Meverden, dressed in full warden uniform, contacted the below persons at their residence regarding a reported wolf encounter that had occurred at the Colburn Wildlife Area in Adams County, Wisconsin.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Beaver Dam, Wisconsin

DNR Customer ID: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Beaver Dam, Wisconsin

DNR Customer ID: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

The encounter occurred on Saturday, 10 October 2015 while the father and son were hunting the youth gun deer hunt. This was only their second time in the area; the first was when they scouted it once prior to the deer hunt. They parked at the parking lot at 5th Ave and CTY C and walked south. They walked past an oak tree line, past a pond to the east, and past the end of the mowed portion of the trail continuing south onto a small hill that was oaks to the west and pines to the east. They sat on the ground near the "N" on the attached map (Exhibit A). The pines were on the side of where they were sitting, and they sat next to a piece of pink flagging tape that was not there when they had scouted the area. A trail of pink flagging extended to the east. They were overlooking the grassy area to the north.

Around 8:30 AM the first wolf came running from the west. The wind was coming from the west, so it was running with the wind. It was approximately 10 feet away and running downhill towards them; they moved, and it turned and disappeared to the north. They were not sure if it was just running along or running at them, specifically. They got to their knees, and a second wolf appeared on the same path as the first and was running straight towards them. The second wolf did not stop so [REDACTED] pulled out his handgun and fired once into the air. The wolf then followed the path of the first wolf and disappeared.

Reporting Officer	Date of Report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved by Supervisor	
Keith N. Meverden	16 October 2015	Michael Green	10/16/2015
		Supervisor's Name	Date

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██████ and ██████ then walked in a loop to the south and then west to return to the path. They got to the path and were standing there deciding what to do when the third wolf appeared on the path approximately 30 yards to the north. The wolf looked to the north, away from them, and then looked at them and began running towards them with teeth showing. ██████ fired two shots into the air and then took aim at the wolf in case it did not stop, but the wolf turned and disappeared to the east following the same general direction as the first two.

They were unsure how many wolves they actually saw – it could have been one, two, or three different wolves. ██████ has seen wolves in the woods before, but never that close. No distinguishing marks or anything unusual about the wolves.

██████ stated that on the day they were scouting "an old timer" who was there told them to be careful as wolves have been sighted in the area. This person told them that someone he knew had a wolf come after him somewhere on that property. They did not have any details of the this previous encounter.

██████ added that on the walk in at approximately 6:45 AM they encountered a doe and two fawns crossing the path heading west approximately a quarter of the way in to where they were sitting. Sometime after the deer crossed the trail they heard a deer bellow in what ██████ described as "exactly like when you spine a deer"; the deer was gasping for air and moaning, and then they heard growling. They assumed a deer had been taken down by wolves. This area is marked by an unlabeled "X" on the map.

Exhibit A. Map of Colburn Wildlife Area showing general area of encounter.

