

IN BRIEF**Eaton Plant to save millions of gallons of city water per year**

WAUKESHA — A local transformer manufacturer has recently undertaken a project to conserve approximately six million gallons of city water per year.

The Eaton Plant, 2300 Badger Drive, has produced 3Phase Transformers since it was built in 1991. Since that time, large amounts of city water have been used to cool pipes that pull a vacuum needed to eliminate bubbles in the final testing of the transformers.

The **Waukesha** Water Utility reimbursed Eaton for approximately \$10,000 to help offset costs for implementing the final phases of the water conservation equipment the company placed in service in April.

A team led by Eaton's plant manager worked with the vacuum's original manufacturer to develop two large water chiller/recirculation systems with multiple cooling loops. These allow various pumps to be used on each vacuum chamber with minimal city water consumption.

Running dual pumps has resulted in 15-20 percent productivity improvement, while still saving water.

The utility also provided an initial \$10,000 grant when the project began December 2014. Eaton itself invested \$135,000 in the project.

"This is exactly the type of project we want to support with our Business Incentives Program we launched in May," **Water** Utility Customer Relations Representative Mary Adelmeyer said in a statement. "The program encourages our commercial, industrial, and public users to implement water conserving processes that can result in significant productivity improvement."

Man charged with chasing family with knife, spitting at cop

WAUKESHA — A New Berlin man allegedly chased family members around their residence with a large knife and spit in an arresting officer's face.

Theofanis Spyropoulos, 34, was charged in **Waukesha** County Circuit Court Wednesday with throwing or discharging bodily fluids at a public safety worker, disorderly conduct and resisting an officer.

According to the criminal complaint, New Berlin police officers were dispatched to Spyropoulos' home on the 13800 block of West Prospect Drive Saturday for a report of a man with a knife chasing family members. Officers had conducting a well-being check after Spyropoulos was fired from his job and "not acting like himself," according to his wife.

Officers found Spyropoulos outside his home, the complaint states, wearing only black underwear and wielding a large "butcherstyle knife." When asked to drop the knife, the defendant crouched down and said he had been using the knife to cut his lawn.

He was struck with a bean bag from a police weapon, which caused him to drop the knife, but Spyropoulos continued to resist being arrested until officers used a stun gun on him.

The defendant was taken to **Waukesha** Memorial Hospital to treat his injuries, where he allegedly tried to head-butt one officer and spit in another's face, the complaint states.

Spyropoulos has a hearing scheduled Friday afternoon.