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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley and the Winnebago Boone County Integrity Task Force provide the following update on the officer involved shooting that occurred on September 1, 2022. In a previous press release, the officer involved was not named. The updated press release is included below.

It is imperative that the community understand that the following information is based on a preliminary and ongoing investigation, which continues to evolve as investigators interview witnesses, review physical and electronic records, and analyze forensic evidence. The Task Force and the State's Attorney's understanding of the facts and circumstances may change as additional evidence is collected and analyzed. Further, the State's Attorney will, and must, reserve all judgment until the investigation is complete.

On September 1, 2022, at approximately 8:25 PM, Rockford Police Officers were dispatched to 4175 Linden Rd. for a domestic disturbance. The caller I.J. informed 911 dispatchers her husband, Peter J. Jaeger, was being verbally abusive towards her. As the situation developed, the domestic disturbance escalated. I.J. locked herself in the bathroom while she waited for the police to arrive. During the 911 call, Mr. Jaeger can be heard yelling at his wife and claiming he may commit suicide by police when they arrive.

The Officers arrived at approximately 8:31 PM. A few minutes after arrival, Officers could hear I.J. screaming while Peter Jaeger appeared to be breaking into the locked bathroom where I.J. was hiding. The Officers believed that the domestic disturbance became physical. The Officers then made entry into the house through the garage. Almost immediately after making entry, Officers were confronted by Peter Jaeger who was holding a firearm. RPD Officer [Alexander Stone](#) fired 4 times at Mr. Jaeger.

Mr. Jaeger was given medical treatment at the scene and was later transported to St. Anthony's Hospital. He was later pronounced deceased at St. Anthony's Hospital.



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After the officer involved shooting, and at the request of Rockford Police Department Chief Carla Redd, the Winnebago Boone County Integrity Task Force arrived on scene and took over the investigation. Officers from Rockford Police Department will not participate in the investigation.

Task Force investigators are in the preliminary portion of the investigation. Task Force Officers are currently interviewing witnesses, collecting evidence from the scene, and obtaining video evidence, including Officers' Body cam footage.

At this time, this Office and the Integrity Task Force will not release video evidence during the pendency of the investigation. The name of the Officer involved will be released early next week.

Any allegations contained herein are merely allegations and all are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

This press release and further information about the investigation of officer involved shootings can be found at <https://winnebagocountystatesattorney.com/transparency>.

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