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## News Release

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### **Domestic Murder – Searles Ave**

On Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at approximately 8:20p.m., Winnebago County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the 2900 block of Searles Avenue for a domestic shooting. Upon arrival, deputies located a 25 year old female suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. The female was transported to a local hospital where she succumbed to her injuries. Also located was the offender, a 24 year old male deceased from what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot.

Preliminary investigations suggest that the incident was isolated to the individuals involved, and there is no ongoing threat to the community.

"Our hearts go out to the families affected by this deeply tragic incident. We understand the impact such events have on our community, and we are committed to providing support and resources to those who are grieving." Said Sheriff Caruana. "If you're experiencing domestic violence or abuse, it's crucial to understand that there is no acceptable excuse or justification for any behavior that endangers your well-being."

If you have been or are currently in an abusive or violent domestic situation, know that help is available. You can call 911 anytime or call these other local support services:

Winnebago County Domestic Violence Assistance Center  
400 West State Street Rockford  
815-516-2440

Rockford Family Peace Center  
315 N. Main Street Rockford  
779-348-7600

Remedies  
215 Easton Parkway Rockford  
24 hr. hotline 815-962-6102

National 24 hour Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233

Winnebago County Sheriff Office Detectives are actively conducting a follow up investigation. Please follow the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office on social media for any further updates.

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