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### **SHERIFF CARUANA URGES COMMUNITY TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office is investigating a tragic domestic murder-suicide that occurred in Roscoe on New Year's Day where a victim tragically lost her life at the hands of the suspect, who then took his own life.

Sheriff Gary Caruana emphasized that while this heartbreaking loss cannot be undone, such tragedies can be prevented. "Our hearts go out to the victim's family and loved ones during this difficult time. Preventing domestic violence requires the entire community to work together. From raising awareness in schools and workplaces to providing resources and safe spaces for victims, we all have a role to play. It's crucial that we educate everyone on healthy relationships, offer support to those in need, and foster an environment where abuse is not tolerated. The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office is dedicated to continuing to raise awareness, provide resources to those affected by domestic violence and create a safe community for everyone." Sheriff Gary Caruana.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office encourages individuals in abusive relationships to reach out for support. Assistance is available through local shelters, the national domestic hotline (1-800-799-8233) and other available community resources listed below.

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

Together, we can take steps to stop domestic violence and ensure that our community remains a safe place for all.

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