
POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Beloit Police Officer Cleared in May 16, 2024, Officer Involved Death

July 2, 2024 - Today, the Rock County District Attorney released its finding that the use of force in the May 16, 2024, officer involved shooting death of Gregory Tracy, 54, by Beloit Police Officer Cole Gille was legal and appropriate.

Officer Gille, and other officers on scene of a violent domestic disturbance, displayed bravery while helping a stabbing victim in their greatest time of need. Additionally, based on Tracy's statements, it was believed that two small children were in the home at the time of the incident. Officers first attempted to use a less lethal method to prevent Tracy from reaching and harming the children, who ultimately were not present. When that method failed, the officer used his training when he applied deadly force.

The City of Beloit Police Department mourns any loss of life, and we send our sincerest condolences to the family. We send our thoughts to the victim of domestic violence as the victim, who received 40 stab wounds, recovers from this attack.

"Officer Gille acted in accordance with his training and the policies established by our department," said Andre Sayles, Chief of Police. "The investigation conducted was thorough and comprehensive, and I have full confidence in its findings. The decision reflects the commitment to ensuring that justice is served based on evidence and facts, not assumptions or external pressures.

"The safety and security of our community remain our highest priority. Officer Gille's actions were in response to a situation where his life, and the lives of others, were in imminent danger. He made a split-second decision in a highly volatile situation, a decision no officer wants to make but is trained to when faced with such circumstances."

As the community moves forward, the City of Beloit Police Department will remain dedicated to our training and relationship building to create a safer Beloit. Thank you to

the community for your patience and support as we waited for the investigation to be completed.

Investigative files and body worn camera footage is now available on the Wisconsin Department of Justice's website at <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/dci/officer-involved-critical-incident>.

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