

Town of Geneva Police Department



Chief Anthony L. Miceli

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Lake Geneva, Wi 53147

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NEWS RELEASE

Incident #25-00253

Type: Reckless Homicide

Date: January 20, 2025

Time: 0225

Released by: Chief Anthony Miceli

Contact Person: Chief Miceli
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Narrative

On January 20th, 2025, at 0225 hours Town of Geneva Police Officers were dispatched to W3895 Lincoln Ave, in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, for a young male that had been shot. Upon arrival Town of Geneva Police Officers and Fire Personnel located a young male that had been shot and began life saving measures. The young male was transported to a local hospital where he later succumbed to his injuries. The Town of Geneva Police Department is working with the Walworth County Sheriff's Office on this investigation.

This investigation was reviewed by the Walworth County District Attorney's Office and the suspect has been charged with First Degree Reckless Homicide, was taken into custody, and has been confined in the Walworth County Sheriff's Office Jail.

Steven D Merkel Jr.
M/W 52 years old
W3895 Lincoln Ave
Lake Geneva, WI 53147

Pursuant to the directive of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, as found in Supreme Court Rule 20:3.6, Trial Publicity, you are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.