



OFFICE OF THE WINONA COUNTY SHERIFF

Sheriff Ronald J. Ganrude

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Charles Rolbiecki

On November 18, 2018, the Winona County Sheriff's Office investigated the home invasion and sexual assault of a 30-year-old female while home alone with her three-year-old son. The suspect, later identified as Zane Robert Pederson, remained in the home for more than 5 hours and repeatedly sexually assaulted the female while disguised in a mask and in possession of a firearm. Pederson repeatedly threatened the life of the female and her 3-year-old son, who remained sleeping during the entire incident.

Deputy Rolbiecki was working as a patrol deputy the day this heinous incident took place. Deputy Rolbiecki was one of the initial responding officers to the scene of the crime. Deputy Rolbiecki assisted in making the initial crucial decisions of how to proceed with the investigation. Deputy Rolbiecki began to document the scene and preserve it for further investigation. Because of the thorough preservation of the scene, crucial DNA evidence was later able to be collected that assisted in the identification of the suspect in this case Zane Pederson. On February 10, 2021, Pederson was sentenced to 250 months in prison for his role in this incident.

This letter is in recognition of the outstanding work that Deputy Charles Rolbiecki performed during this incident to assist in bringing it to a successful resolution and prosecution. Deputy Rolbiecki played a pivotal role the investigation and taking a very dangerous person off the streets of Winona County. Deputy Rolbiecki exemplifies what teamwork means and, in this case, teamwork is what it took for a successful resolution.

Congratulations to Deputy Charles Rolbiecki.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ronald Ganrude".

Sheriff Ronald Ganrude

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