

## **BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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Murder-Suicide Investigation in the Village of Windsor

(WINDSOR, NY) A man and a woman were found dead in an apparent murder-suicide on Wednesday in the Village of Windsor.

On April 19, 2023 around 7:15 pm, Broome County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to 18 Gary St. in the Village of Windsor for a suspicious incident. Arriving patrols spoke with neighbors and determined that a weapon may have been fired inside an apartment, and that statements were made by a male occupant of the apartment regarding a tragic incident having occurred. With the assistance of the apartment complex manager, deputies entered the apartment and discovered two deceased occupants within.

The subsequent investigation revealed the deceased parties to be Kenneth Johnson, 53 yrs. old of Windsor and Tess Savage, 47 yrs. old of Binghamton. Johnson and Savage were involved in a 2-year personal relationship, which had recently ended. The investigation determined that Savage had visited the apartment in the early afternoon hours that day, where she was strangled to death by Johnson. Several hours later, Johnson took his own life inside the apartment via self-inflicted gunshot wound.

An investigation found an order of protection had been filed on behalf of Savage through the Broome County Family Court on March 27, 2023 and further investigation indicated that Johnson and Savage had a history of several unreported domestic disputes over the course of their relationship.

The Sheriff's Office would like to thank the community for their assistance with the investigation and their support of the families affected by this tragic incident. The Sheriff's Office was also assisted by Binghamton Police ID/Crime Scene unit.

Sheriff Fred Akshar said, "I'd like to thank the community and our responding deputies for their assistance in handling this senseless tragedy. Domestic violence and abusive relationships are an unfortunate reality for far too many families not only in this community, but across our nation. On behalf of the Broome County Sheriff's Office, I'd like to extend my sincerest condolences to

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the family and friends of those involved and urge anyone in a violent or abusive relationship to seek immediate assistance to prevent another tragedy like this from occurring."

If you or someone you know is the victim of domestic violence, please do not hesitate to contact the Broome County Sheriff's Office at 607-778-1911 or the following domestic violence support organizations:

Crime Victims Assistance Center Crisis Line: (607) 722-4256 or text: (607) 725-8196 Rise Domestic Violence Services Hotline: 607-754-4340 or 877-754-4340

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