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Update to Homicide in Town of Almond Investigation Continues

On Saturday, May 5, 2018, at 6:20 PM, the Portage County Sheriff's Office received a 9-1-1 call reporting a shooting in the 7000 block of 4th Avenue in the Town of Almond. Upon arrival at a single family mobile home, deputies discovered that an adult male, later identified as the home owner, 45 year old Donald Brewer, had been shot on his porch, and was now deceased.

Witnessing the shooting were Brewer's two sons, ages 14 and 12. They identified the suspect as 31 year old Steven Breneman, who was Brewer's neighbor. The suspect had fled the scene, and law enforcement commenced a search of the area. By 7:21 PM the suspect had been located by deputies and was taken into custody without incident.

While the case is still under active investigation, it appears that the incident was sparked over allegations of marital infidelity. There was only the single victim, and the single shooter, and there are no other suspects being sought. There is no danger to the public, and the Sheriff's Office is confident that this was an isolated incident.

While the suspect was at large, the prom at the Almond High School was temporarily suspended and students and others were diverted to an offsite location. Once the suspect was apprehended, the prom was allowed to continue. Extra officers were at the prom that evening to help allay any lingering fears.

The suspect is being held at the Portage County Jail on first degree homicide charges. He is anticipated to appear in Portage County Circuit Court for an initial appearance today or tomorrow.

The investigation continues by the Sheriff's Office. The Wisconsin State Crime Lab assisted detectives with the investigation by helping to process the scene of the shooting. The Portage County Coroner's Office will be conducting an autopsy later today.



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