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MEDIA RELEASE

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The Beloit Police Department concurs with the Rock County Coroner's office and the Rock County District Attorney's office that the shooting incident on August 7, 2014, involving Hykyme Hayes, is considered death by suicide.

The decision of death by suicide is based on many facts recovered early on during this investigation. The weapon used in this incident was recovered at the scene. DNA evidence eliminates other subjects handling the weapon. Comments by the victim prior to the shooting are suggestive of suicidal thoughts. Most significantly, autopsy results are consistent with a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Chief Norm Jacobs thanks the community for their patience during this extensive investigation. It is always important in investigations of this matter to meticulously gather the facts, and confer with participating authorities before making such a significant announcement. With the concern over other recent gun violence incidents, we wish to have been able to release this information sooner, but early release of our suspicions would have hindered a thorough and proper investigation. The patience and understanding of our community is appreciated.

The family and the mother of Hykyme Hayes were advised on the details of our investigation October 9, 2014. Mr. Hayes' mother was appreciative of the investigation and information that was provided to her by the detectives involved directly in the investigation and the Rock County Coroner's office. Since then she has been able to return to her home state confident of the outcome of this investigation.

It is our hope with this conclusion, the family and community can mourn the loss of Mr. Hayes' life knowing that his death was not from a violent or illegal relationship with a criminal.

Chief Norm Jacobs

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