

POLICE DEPARTMENT

September 8, 2021

UPDATE

The Rock County Medical Examiner's Office completed the autopsy of the 19-year-old homicide victim on Tuesday. An official time of death is not yet available and could take several weeks. However, our preliminary investigation shows that the victim was likely shot Friday evening.

Beloit police officers responded to a report of shots fired near Bluff Street and Portland Avenue around 9:30 p.m. Friday, September 3. Officers completed a neighborhood survey and recovered shell casings. During the neighborhood survey, it was reported the individuals involved in this incident fled on foot heading west towards Vine. However, there was no blood evidence found in the neighborhood canvassing and no reports of an individual being shot at that time.

After reviewing hours of body camera footage and evidence, Chief Sayles has determined that the victim's body was not visible that evening due to its location and the time of day. We are sharing this information with the community to maintain transparency.

Our detectives are diligently investigating this homicide and pursuing leads so that we can bring the individual(s) responsible for violent crime to justice. If you have any information on this homicide or other crimes, please contact the Rock County Dispatch Center at (608-757-2244) or Crime Stoppers (608-362-7463) or send an anonymous tip online using [P3TIPS.COM/482](https://www.p3tips.com/482).

ORIGINAL NEWS RELEASE

September 5, 2021

On Sunday, September 5, 2021, at approximately 7:53 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 300 block of Portland in the City of Beloit for a man down.

Upon arrival, officers located a male victim lying between two houses. Officers determined the male to be deceased and contacted the medical examiner. Beloit Police Department Detectives are actively investigating this death as a homicide with evidence showing the individual was shot by gunfire.

Our investigation has led us to identify the victim as 19-year-old male with ties to Beloit. We are not identifying the victim.

We send our sincerest condolences to the victim's loved ones.

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“This will not be tolerated,” said Chief Andre Sayles. “Our men and women here at the Beloit Police Department are out actively seeking justice for those who harmed by gunfire in the City of Beloit. We are going to continue to put forth efforts that we have had over the last 3-4 weeks in the City of Beloit to curtail this crime. Our detectives and our police officers have worked hard and put in long hours. They will continue to do so because they are dedicated to bringing justice to the City of Beloit.”

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andre Sayles". The signature is stylized with a large initial 'A' and a long, sweeping underline.

Andre Sayles
Chief of Police