

# Menomonie Police Department

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**Police Department**  
Eric Atkinson, Chief of Police

## MEDIA RELEASE

**Date of Release:** October 9, 2015  
**Released By:** Chief Eric Atkinson  
**Incident:** Death  
**Date:** 10/7/2015  
**Case Number:** M15-10273  
**Case Time:** 5:36 pm  
**Address:** 1921 3<sup>rd</sup> Street East  
**Faxed (Y or N):** N

### Details of Incident:

On October 8, 2015 the Dunn County Medical Examiner and the Menomonie Police Department took Katherine Mary Bender to the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics for an autopsy. Through the examination it was determined by the Dunn County Medical Examiner that the cause of death was suicide by a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

At the time of this release, foul play is no longer being considered for this investigation. The final autopsy reports with toxicology results should be received within four to six weeks.

The Menomonie Police Department would like to extend its most sincere condolences to the family and friends of Katherine Mary Bender.