

# Menomonie Police Department

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**Police Department**  
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## MEDIA RELEASE

**Date of Release:** October 8, 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  
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### Details of Incident:

On October 7, 2015 at approximately 5:36 PM the Menomonie Police Department responded to 1921 3<sup>rd</sup> Street East for a complaint of a 26 year old female with a gunshot wound to the head. When officers found the female in the residence she was deceased. The female was taken by the Dunn County Medical Examiner and the Menomonie Police Department to the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics for an autopsy.

The death is considered suspicious and is still under investigation.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the Menomonie Police Department and speak with Investigator Jeremy Wilterdink at 715-232-2198. Tips can also be made through the Dunn County Crime Stoppers (<http://dunncounty.crimestoppersweb.com> or 1-855-847-3866).

The victim was identified as Katherine Mary Bender (DOB 11/11/1987). Ms. Bender resided at 1921 3<sup>rd</sup> Street East in Menomonie, WI.

The Menomonie Police Department is being aided in this investigation by the following agencies:

- Dunn County District Attorney's Office
- Dunn County Medical Examiner
- Dunn County Sheriff's Office
- Wisconsin State Patrol
- Wisconsin Department of Justice Crime Laboratory Bureau.

More information will follow once it becomes available.