

Iowa Attorney General’s Office Concludes Shelby County Officer Acted with Legal Justification in Shooting

DES MOINES—In a report issued today, the Iowa Attorney General’s Office has concluded that the March 6, 2025, fatal shooting of David Robert Plagmann by a Shelby County deputy was legally justified. The Attorney General’s conclusion was based on a review and investigation by the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation. The investigation found that at approximately 4:45 a.m. on March 6, a 911 caller requested a welfare check for his friend David Plagmann after Plagmann posted a concerning message on social media of an arm surrounded by blood. The caller arrived at Plagmann’s residence and saw that Plagmann was intoxicated, the garage floor was recently washed, and blood appeared to be on snow in the driveway. Plagmann was at the residence alone and would not let the caller inside.

A Shelby County deputy arrived on scene and saw Plagmann enter the garage while holding a rifle. The deputy directed Plagmann to put the rifle down several times. Plagmann refused and attempted to rack the rifle. The deputy took cover behind his patrol car, drew his firearm, and again instructed Plagmann to put the weapon down. Plagmann replied, “Nope,” and walked toward the driveway with the rifle pointed up under his chin. Plagmann



an officer across the street fired his rifle and Plagmann fell to the ground. The deputies secured Plagmann and began rendering medical aid. Plagmann was taken to a hospital where he was declared dead.

A later investigation found thirteen rifle rounds in Plagmann’s pockets. Officers checked the vehicle in the home’s driveway and found the dead body of Plagmann’s girlfriend with multiple 9mm gunshot wounds. Investigators found spent 9mm casings in the garage and, in a backyard burn pit, bloody women’s clothing, a cell phone with a bullet hole in it, and a burned video recording system. A 9mm handgun and ammunition were found in Plagmann’s pickup truck that was located in rural Shelby County.

Plagmann was armed, intoxicated, and refused numerous commands to drop his rifle. After 30 minutes of this behavior, Plagmann aimed his rifle at a deputy and pumped the lever action to prepare to fire. Plagmann was a clear and immediate threat to both the deputy and surrounding neighborhood.

The report is issued under the Attorney General’s independent authority under Iowa Code section 13.12 to investigate or prosecute conduct of law enforcement that results in death.

Shelby County Road rage incident leads to arrest warrant



SHELBY COUNTY – A road rage incident in Shelby County on April 22 has led to an individual in custody in Nebraska, following an arrest warrant being issued for attempted murder, according to a press release from the Shelby County Sheriff’s office. The suspect is identified as 23-year-old Jacob Snyder.

Officials at the Shelby County Sheriff’s Office were contacted in the early morn-

ing hours of April 22 for a road rage incident that occurred on Highway 44 west bound from Harlan. Deputies responded and located one vehicle in the ditch and learned another that had left the area. An individual involved in the accident was transported to Myrtue Hospital in Harlan.

During the investigation, officers learned of a possible suspect, Snyder, who allegedly

was also allegedly firing several rounds from a firearm at a vehicle, and making contact with the vehicle at a high rate of speed causing it leave the roadway and resulting in an accident with injuries.

An arrest warrant was issued for Snyder for attempted murder, and he was located in Bellevue, Neb. He was taken

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will be taken in further consideration.

In other new business the council discussed the issue they have with who is responsible for putting up and taking down Christmas decorations and banners. City Clerk Janell Remsburg said it can be hard to find volunteers to get this done. Parks and Rec feels it is a city responsibility and Public Works Director Brian Juelsgaard stated that the equipment to do this would cost quite a bit. Mayor Palle Lansman asked if leasing equipment from other cities would be an option, or a vendor resource if they can’t find volunteers. No action was taken on the matter.

In department reports Public Works Director Juelsgaard said Henningsen Construction is starting street repairs and they will notify the public on social media, the city website, and on the city park sign about work areas. He also stated they will start work soon on getting the pool open. Remsburg stated that a pool manager has been hired, and they are in the process of getting lifeguards hired and certified. The pool is planned to open on May 26th.

Councilperson James Richardson discussed working with Brian Schmidt on the new Avenue of Honor

Banners project. Park and Rec have approved the project, and banners will go up by July 4th and remain until Veterans Day.

The City is in the beginning stages of working on a Comprehensive Plan and Councilperson Brandi Meyer volunteered to assist in organizing a planning committee. It was discuss that this committee should consist of City Council members, Mayor, general public, planning and zoning, those with interest in the school, housing, economic development, and any other individuals that may benefit the plan’s development.

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Source: American Academy of Pediatrics 3/25

Legal Notice

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
April 11th, 2025

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 1:01 pm by Chairman Heath Hansen. Present at the meeting were Heath Hansen, Kent Grabill, Don Mosinski-phone, Lisa Frederiksen, Chassity Musfeldt, John Hansen, Paul Nielsen, Chris Swensen, Mitch Rydl, Jon Danos- phone.

Motion- Grabill Second- Hansen to approve the agenda. Custodian Hansen presented the three quotes received for the wiring project in the Courthouse. Motion- Grabill Second- Hansen to approve Remsburg Service to complete the wiring work as the lowest bidder.

Attorney Swensen reviewed the Attorney’s Office FY26 budget. Swensen noted that when the Compensation Board compares other counties on the Matrix, most other counties have multiple attorneys, and Audubon has only one, so Audubon appears to be higher on the matrix than others. Attorney removed \$800/ out of line item 27600. He will submit changes to the Auditor’s Office. Supervisors inquired about the Culligan water invoice. Swensen said in the past they had all paid out of pocket for it, but during the HVAC move it was paid out of the County budget. Swensen said they can switch back to paying out of pocket if need be.

A phone call at 2:00 was held with Jon Danos to discuss the bonds. Danos said the 2023 GO Bond needs to be 85% spent by April 2026. There is currently 1.8 million remaining of unspent proceeds. Danos said that these can not be paid off until 2031. IRS regulations will not allow the unspent proceeds to pay off other debts. The Urban Renewal plan will most likely have to be amended to include a project to meet the 1.8 million. Questions were raised about spending the funds to pay down on the HVAC project, but the IRS regulations will not allow this either. Danos said the HVAC project would have had to be included in 2023 to qualify, but questions were raised on this. Auditor Frederiksen and Supervisor Hansen remember inquiring about the HVAC being covered in this bond, and were told it could not be, because it was not classified as economic development. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

/s/Heath Hansen
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
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Attest: /s/ Chassity Musfeldt
Audubon County Auditor Clerk

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