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Subject: HOMICIDE - 3315 Victory Avenue

On today's date at 1:01AM officers responded to the address of 3315 Victory Avenue for the report of an attempted homicide. Upon arrival, they spoke with a female occupant of the residence who advised officers that two masked parties had entered the home, and entered the upstairs bedroom where she and her boyfriend were sleeping.

The masked men forcibly removed the boyfriend from the bedroom, taking him downstairs and shot him in the face several times. The masked men then fled the home in an unknown direction. Racine Fire Department Rescue personnel attended to the victim but he was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The victim is a 28 year old male. Pending family notification, his identity is not being released. In addition to his girlfriend, there were two children in the home at the time of the home invasion. The children in the home are aged 4 and 8 years old. At this time, no suspects have been identified. Investigators are processing the scene in addition to interviewing family members that were in the home.

Based on the initial investigation, there is a belief that the victim in this case, was specifically targeted and may have known his attackers. This is not believed to be a random attack.

Anyone with information pertaining to this investigation is asked to contact the Racine Police Department at 262-635-7700. Persons with information can also call CrimeStoppers at 262-636-9330.

All media inquiries regarding the incident should be directed to my attention at (262) 635-7772.

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