

WE REMEMBER LYLE MASKE



THE COALITION TO END RELATIONSHIP ABUSE REMEMBERS **LYLE MASKE** MINNESOTA'S 16TH CONFIRMED VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-RELATED HOMICIDE IN 2024

Lyle Maske, 62, was fatally shot in Brainerd on November 1, 2024 after intervening in a domestic violence incident. Chad Aanerud, 35, is charged with two counts of second-degree murder, one count of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, five counts of kidnapping, two counts of second-degree assault, one count of first-degree arson, and one count of theft. Aanerud is suspected of sexually assaulting his pregnant ex-girlfriend in Brainerd on or around the night of October 31st after threatening to shoot her children if she did not engage in sexual activity. He then began dumping gasoline on her family members' home, which later burned to the ground, and began taking firearms from the home. His ex-girlfriend asked her children to go down the road to Lyle's home to ask for help. Aanerud fatally shot Lyle when he arrived to intervene. Aanerud then kidnapped his ex-girlfriend and her children at gunpoint and fled by vehicle as a statewide Amber Alert was sent out. He was eventually arrested on the morning of November 1st and his ex-girlfriend and children were recovered. Aanerud was legally prohibited from possessing firearms at the time he killed Lyle, and had a felony conviction for threats of violence against an ex-girlfriend in 2021.

Lyle Maske was described as "generous, compassionate, and helpful," a "beautiful person inside and out," and someone who "helped anybody and everybody and never asked for anything in return." Lyle leaves behind four children and was also a grandfather.