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## JEROME (JERRY) SKLUZACEK



THE COALITION TO END  
RELATIONSHIP ABUSE REMEMBERS  
**JEROME (JERRY) SKLUZACEK**  
MINNESOTA'S 14TH CONFIRMED  
VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-RELATED  
HOMICIDE IN 2024

Jerome (Jerry) Skluzacek, 55, was shot and killed during an attempted carjacking on a highway near Willmar on October 22nd, 2024. Ameer Matariyeh, 25, is charged with second-degree murder, second-degree attempted murder, first-degree assault, and fleeing police. Early in the afternoon of October 22nd, police were dispatched to a domestic violence call at an apartment in Minneapolis, where Matariyeh had fired gunshots from a balcony at his ex-girlfriend and her current boyfriend, who were there attempting to retrieve some of her belongings. They were not hit by the gunfire. Matariyeh is the father of his ex-girlfriend's child. At some point Matariyeh left the apartment and fled the scene by vehicle as crisis negotiators reached him by phone. Matariyeh eventually shot and wounded a man at a home near Lake Lillian, who is expected to survive, before shooting and killing Jerry near Willmar and being taken into custody. Jerome (Jerry) Skluzacek, of New London, leaves behind a fiancée and at least two children. **Jerry was described as someone who was “always willing to help people,” had a good sense of humor, and could “pretty much fix anything.”**