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MINNESOTA'S 9TH CONFIRMED VICTIM
OF INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDE IN 2023

Joshua Owen, 44, was shot and killed on April 15 in Cyrus. Josh, a Pope County Sheriff Deputy, responded to a domestic violence call at a Cyrus apartment with one other deputy and a Starbuck police officer. The officers were inside the apartment and informed the domestic violence suspect, Bryan Nygard, 34, that he was going to be arrested. Nygard then drew a firearm and began immediately shooting. The officers returned gunfire and killed Nygard. All three law enforcement officers were shot, and Josh died of his injuries at a nearby hospital. The other two officers received non-life threatening wounds. Joshua Owen is survived by his wife and minor son.