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**VIOLENCE FREE
MINNESOTA**

CRYSTAL MARSCHEL

**THE COALITION TO
END RELATIONSHIP
ABUSE REMEMBERS
CRYSTAL MARSCHEL
MINNESOTA'S 15TH
CONFIRMED VICTIM
OF INTIMATE
PARTNER HOMICIDE
IN 2025**



Crystal Marschel, 32, was shot and killed in a home in Pierz, Minnesota on July 18, 2025. Crystal's boyfriend John Gans, 34, shot Crystal in the head and then shot and killed himself. Authorities were called to the home that morning for a welfare check, where they found both Crystal and Gans deceased.

Jail records for Benton County indicate that Gans was arrested in June 2023 on multiple domestic assault charges, including domestic assault by strangulation, but the records do not indicate against whom.

Crystal Marschel was described as “a warm, vibrant soul” and a “proud mentor” whose children were “the center of her universe.” She loved the Vikings and was a first-year physical education and health teacher at Isle High School, as well as the girls track coach. She was honored in May 2025 as the Isle High School staff member of the month. Crystal Marschel leaves behind two young children.