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OPEN RECORDS INVESTIGATION

District attorney won't prosecute Minocqua 911 sexual assault case

Minocqua police officer recommended second degree sexual assault charges

By Richard Moore
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

The Oneida County district attorney says he won't file charges in an incident from 2020 in which a woman says she was sexually assaulted during a period of more than 90 min-

utes that it took police to respond to repeated 911 calls and requests for police to help her.

After reviewing the sexual assault complaint and case, district attorney Michael Schiek says there was no evidence of a crime,

no evidence of sexual contact or intercourse, and whatever may have happened was, "by all accounts," consensual.

However, those conclusions conflict with those of Minocqua police officer Jazmin Sol-

berg, who conducted an investigation of the incident. Solberg recommended charging the alleged assailant with second degree sexual assault of an intoxicated person.

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Punzel suspended pending investigation

By Richard Moore
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Minocqua police officer Kaleb Punzel has been placed on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation into an incident in the summer of 2020 in which the officer brushed aside repeated pleas for help by a man who had been calling 911 to report that a woman acquaintance could be in immediate danger, the Minocqua chief of police confirmed this week.

The suspension comes after *The Lakeland Times* published the first in a series of investigatory articles about the incident. Police

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Minocqua town board approves CUP, OKs liquor license

Class B liquor license application contingent on ARP approval by plan commission

By Brian Jopek
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

For the second meeting in a row, the Minocqua town board on Tuesday heard some good news, as it relates to incoming businesses.

Earlier that day, the town's plan commission approved a conditional use permit (CUP) for a new Taco Bell restaurant that, if ultimately approved by the Oneida County planning and development committee, would be constructed on a vacant lot at 8660 U.S. Highway 51 "directly north of the former Popov's property," as town chairman Mark Hartzheim described it at the town board meeting.

It took the town board just a few minutes to also approve the CUP for the Taco Bell restaurant, CUP applicant Zachary Zrelickson of Border Foods of Wisconsin telling the town board the goal is to have the business open by the end of the year.

With the plan commission and then the town board approving the CUP, it will be on the agenda for the April 6 meeting of the county's planning and zoning committee meeting.

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SEND-OFF TO STATE

Cooper Fink, left, and Teag Wagner hold the "Walk of Champions" banner and sectional championship plaque as they lead the Lakeland boys' hockey team into the Lakeland Union High School fieldhouse for a state send-off on Wednesday, March 2, in Minocqua.

LUHS adopts Sept. 1 school start date

By Kelly Holm
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

After area business owners spoke out last month against the possibility of Lakeland Union High School requesting state approval for a pre-Sept. 1 start date to the 2022-2023 academic year, the school board voted on Feb. 28 to begin school Sept. 1.

Opposition to an earlier start date was largely based around the need for teenage workers during the tourism-heavy Labor Day weekend.

"We ask that you priori-

tize the health of our community as a whole in relation to our student workforce, as they're a huge factor in how well our community thrives," Northfork Fin & Filet owner Christie Terkelson, who gave a similar message at last month's meeting, said. "We rely so heavily on those high school students to be part of our workforce."

The calendar the district ended up approving was one of two possibilities assistant principal Levi Massey presented to the board. This plan, Version

B, was about \$9,000 costlier than the other option with regards to transportation, due to more inconsistencies with other consortium schools' calendars.

The rejected proposal, Version A, would have made Aug. 30 the first day of school for freshmen and transfer students, with Aug. 31 being the first day for all others.

As an olive branch to businesses, this calendar would also have made Sept. 2 — the Friday of

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Leave

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chief Dave Jaeger told *The Times* Wednesday he couldn't offer much detail because of the ongoing investigation, but he did say new information had emerged.

"He's on paid administrative leave pending investigation," Jaeger said. "That's all I can say at this point right now. There is some information that came to light that I'm not too happy about, so it's being dealt with, let's put it that way. We're going to be dealing with some

things here in the near future."

In the incident, Punzel arrested the man for drunken driving — that was dismissed but he was convicted of reckless driving-endangering safety — but refused to head to a nearby residence where the man said his acquaintance was being held and was in danger, and Punzel relayed no sense of urgency either to other responding officers or in his communications with police dispatch, records obtained in an open records request show.

The woman that the 911 caller was worried about, whom *The Lakeland Times* is

not naming, subsequently said she was sexually assaulted during the time Punzel was dismissing the seriousness of the threat, and has filed a notice of claim against the town of Minocqua, the Minocqua Police Department, Punzel, and the man she alleges to have assaulted her.

It took police more than 90 minutes after the man's first 911 call for police to arrive at the residence.

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