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Funeral services held for slain St. Croix County Sheriff Deputy



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Members from statewide agencies took part in the funeral for St. Croix County Sheriff's Deputy Kaitie Leising Friday afternoon in Hudson.

Doing a job
officers do
every day

Sheriff Knudson remembers
Deputy Leising

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St. Croix County Sheriff Scott Knudson said his department has run through the gamut of emotions since Deputy Kaitie Leising was shot and killed in the line of duty May 6.

"It's been a whirlwind," the Sheriff said May 9, speaking publicly for

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the first time since the incident. "It's been a struggle trying to get through and keep everyone together.

"It's the worst call any law enforcement professional,

or a family member wants to get," Knudson continued. "...Our office, deputies, law enforcement community is hurting again in this region."

Leising was responding to the report of a suspected drunk driver in the ditch off U.S. Highway 128 and County Road G just outside Glenwood City.

"She was out doing the job officers do every day," Knudson stated. "Ensure someone is safe to get on the roadway and assist if needed."

According to the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation, Leising encountered the driver of the vehicle, Jeremiah D. Johnson, 34, along with another vehicle of individuals which stopped to assist him. She was dispatched around 6:15 p.m.

Scott Knudson
St. Croix County Sheriff

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A TRAGIC TRIBUTE

Thousands gather in Hudson to pay final respects to Deputy Leising, killed in the line of duty

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Thousands filled the Hudson High School Gymnasium Friday afternoon to say goodbye to Kaitie Leising, the St. Croix County Sheriff's Office Deputy, who was shot killed in the line of duty May 6.

"God needed a hero more than I did," said St. Croix Sheriff's Sergeant Aaron Boldt, reading a statement written by her father, Roger Stevens.

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Visiting law enforcement left their decals on the St. Croix County Sheriff's Office squad car outside the Hudson High School.



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