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A view of the press conference Saturday at Marinette City Hall.

Man shot woman in Marinette apartment

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MARINETTE—A fatal shooting at a downtown Marinette apartment complex earlier this month has been ruled justified.

“This was a very painstaking process and not one that was arrived at easily. ... It was a very difficult decision because this was a tragic event,” Marinette County District Attorney DeShea Morrow said.

Edwina Anderson, 32, died Dec. 1 when she was shot four times by her boyfriend Nicholas Smith, 31, who was in the process of moving in with her, according to Marinette Police Detective Mike Kahles.

Kahles, along with Morrow and two members of the county’s Department of Health and Human Services, spoke at a press conference Saturday morning in the common council chambers at Marinette City Hall. Numerous law enforcement, court and county DHSS employees were in attendance.

The shooting took place Dec. 1 at the Trolley Station Terrace Apartments, 1529 Main St. Officers were dispatched to the scene shortly after 4 p.m. for a report of a female with gunshot wounds. A neighbor made that 911 call.

Kahles said the female, Anderson, was located in the hallway of the apartment. “The female appeared to have gunshot wounds. She also had a knife in her hand,” he said, adding that the knife had a red substance on it consistent with blood.

Following emergency life-saving measures, the victim was transported to Aurora Medical Center—Bay Area where she died because of her injuries.

Kahles said a second 911 call later from Smith, who “reported that he had been stabbed and he thought he shot somebody.” That call came from another location in



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Marinette Detective Mike Kahles demonstrates where the victim was shot at a press conference Saturday at Marinette City Hall. Marinette County District Attorney DeShea Morrow watches.

Marinette. He said Smith was transported to the hospital, treated and lodged in jail.

Smith was stabbed in his left hand and he had outpatient surgery, the detective said.

Kahles said the Marinette Police Department, the Marinette County Sheriff’s Office, the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory Crime Scene Response Unit, the Oconto County Sheriff’s Office, the Marinette County District Attorney’s Office, in consultation with the Department of Justice, all “vigorously investigated” this incident.

“It was a complex investigation involving all of law enforcement’s resources,” Kahles said. “Through the course of the investigation, including crime scene processing, evidence collection, witness interviews, audio and video recordings, autopsy results and interviews with involved parties, it has been determined that the shooting was justified under Wisconsin law and no charges will be filed at his time.”

He said law enforcement will continue to investigate information that is brought forward.

There were three children in the apartment—all under the age of 14—who are now under the care of Marinette County DHSS, who will work with the family



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Marinette Police Detective Mike Kahles shows where the shooter was stabbed during an altercation that resulted in a shooting earlier this month in Marinette.

regarding placement. Kahles said the children were not in the immediate area where the shooting took place. He said they were unharmed and immediately removed from the scene.

Kahles said Smith fired six rounds and Anderson was shot four times—in the right chest, the right rear hip, the upper back left shoulder and the right arm. He said the shot to the upper back shoulder penetrated both lungs and likely was the fatal shot, according to the doctor who did the autopsy. He said they were still waiting on the final autopsy report.

Kahles said the pistol—a 357 revolver—was tucked under the mattress in the bedroom where the incident took place. He said the confrontation started with about 10 to 15 minutes of arguing and then turned physical. He said Anderson went into another room and came back with a knife and she stabbed Smith in his left hand as he was holding the gun in his right hand. He then fired the six shots in less than 10 seconds.

Morrow said Smith warned Anderson to stop as she came into the room with the



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Shown here are the authentic ingredients needed for a street taco.

STREET TACOS RECIPE (FEEDS 4-6)

2 white onions, chopped (one for frying, one for topping)

3-4 cloves of garlic, minced

2 packs of Sazón (replaces your taco seasoning mix)

Sazonador adobo seasoning, to your liking

1 pound ground beef

1 can Goya black beans (if swapping out the meat for the vegetarian version)

1 package of Supremo Queso Fresco, crumbled

1 package of El Milagro Tortillas

1 bunch of cilantro, chopped

Add oil to a frying pan. Chop one onion and add to the pan. Sprinkle onion with one pack of Sazón. Season with Sazonador adobo seasoning. Fry onion for five minutes or until translucent. Add garlic and fry for one minute.

Add hamburger to the onion and garlic mixture, along with one more packet of Sazón. Brown the hamburger. (Vegetarians can add black beans or pinto beans to replace the hamburger.)

While the hamburger is cooking, dice up the other onion and cilantro. Crumble up the queso fresco. Set aside for toppings.

Pan-fry the tortillas in oil on the stove.

Fill tortillas with meat, onion and cilantro, with queso fresco on top.

Pairs well with a Jarritos soda!

Leo's

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Main Street Electric Tattoo Company and Cellcom. Salina said the workers love the store and make frequent visits.

They have the occasional vehicle that drives by to harass them, but the community has mostly welcomed them with open arms.

"90% of our community has been pretty open to us," she said.

The schools are calling her for paraprofessional recommendations. When Salina graduated from Marinette High School in 2014, there weren't many other nationalities represented. Now, she's noticed plenty of different cultures. She speaks a little Spanish, while Eduardo speaks three languages. The blend of customs and heritage will expose children to more dynamic experiences and help foster more learning opportunities.

"It's good for our children," she said.

For those looking to try something in the store, Salina and Eduardo recommend these items:

- Plantain chips
- El Ideal Coconut Milk Drink
- Lareño, Yaucono and Café Crema coffee
- Tortugueta, a candy with a hard chocolate shell and chocolate with wafer balls inside
- Bubbalo, a bubble gum
- Lucas, a sweet-and-sour candy powder

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knife and she did not. She said Smith said the knife was flashed in front of his face before he was stabbed.

Marinette Police Chief Jon LaCombe said his department has not received calls regarding domestic violence between Anderson and Smith, although calls have been received to that apartment. "He was not in our system at all," he said of Smith.

Kahles said Smith is

from Plover, Wisconsin, but he has lived in Menominee the past three years.

"This was a tragic incident for the entire community and we extend our deepest condolences to Miss Anderson's family and friends," Kahles said.

Morrow said this situation was taken very seriously and investigated thoroughly. "There was a lot of thought put into this, but at the end of the day, our job as prosecutors is to look at the evidence and then look at

the elements that we would have to prove," she said. "If we cannot meet our burden of proof we should not issue charges."

Morrow said Anderson's older sister, representing the family, understands the decision not to file charges. Kahles said the sister asked not to be identified.

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