MEDIA RELEASE

Date: October 30, 2026
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Ames Police Investigate Homicide

On October 29, 2026, at 7:17 am, officers from the Ames Police Department and medical personnel were called to 5010 Ontario Street for a welfare check. The initial investigation found Kristen Stone, age 47, of Ames deceased. The subsequent investigation developed her husband, Richard Stone, age 47, as a suspect in her death.

Officers obtained an arrest warrant for Richard Stone for 1st Degree Murder on October 30 and began to search for him. Several agencies assisted in the search including the Iowa State University Police Department and Story County Sheriff's Office. Officers located Richard Stone in his vehicle and initiated a traffic stop to take him into custody in the 3900 block of Toronto Street at approximately 3:40 pm.

Stone stopped for officers and then shot himself inside of his vehicle. Officers and Medics from Mary Greeley Medical Center and Ames Fire Department initiated life saving measures and Stone was transported by ambulance to a waiting air ambulance where he was flown to a Des Moines area hospital for further treatment. His current condition is unknown.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Ames Police Department at (515) 239-5133 or the anonymous tip line (515) 239-5533. You may also contact Crime Stoppers of Central Iowa at (515) 223-1400. Online anonymous tips may be submitted to www.crimestoppersofcentraliowa.com.

Questions regarding this press release may be directed to Major Dan Walter, Ames Police Department, at (515) 239-5317 or (515) 239-5133.

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