



VALPARAISO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Detectives with the Indiana State Police Criminal Investigation Division have completed their interviews with the officers involved in the April 25, 2024, shooting of an armed suspect. Multiple officers fired their weapons during the course of this event occurring, including three from the Valparaiso Police Department. The Valparaiso Police officers who fired their weapons are Captain Brian McDonald - a 31 year veteran of VPD, Lieutenant Jon Watson – an eight (8) year veteran of VPD, and Patrol Officer Steven Augustine – a three (3) year veteran of VPD. Per department policy, the three officers will remain on administrative leave until the investigation is complete and the Porter County Prosecutor has an opportunity to review the report.

The Valparaiso Police Department would like to thank the Indiana State Police, Porter County Sheriff's Department, the Porter County Coroner's Office, the Porter County Prosecutor's Office, and the Valparaiso Fire Department for their assistance in this matter. VPD would also like to thank our community for the outpouring of support for our officers during this time.

"I am grateful for the quick and heroic efforts of the first responders on Thursday, as their actions were brave and prevented additional threat of harm in our community," Chief Andrew McIntyre said. "I am beyond proud of these officers and our entire community during these challenging times."