

Officers identified in deadly Richfield officer-involved shooting

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Five officers from the Edina and Richfield police departments are on administrative leave.



MINNEAPOLIS — The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office has identified five police officers from two departments involved in a chase and officer-involved shooting on Sept. 7, which led to the death of Brian Quiñones.

According to a press release from the Sheriff's Office, the five officers are identified as:

- Officer Nicholas Pedersen, a four-year veteran of the Edina Police Department
- Officer Benjamin Wenande, a four-year veteran of the Edina Police Department
- Officer Joseph Carroll, a four-year veteran of the Richfield Police Department
- Officer Dylan Schultz, a three-year veteran of the Richfield Police Department
- Officer Macabe Stariha, a two-year veteran of the Richfield Police Department

The press release states that interviews have been completed with all five officers, who are on standard paid administrative leave.



Quiñones, 30, appeared to livestream his chase by officers, after police said he failed to stop for a red light in Edina and refused to pull over. Quiñones was shot after stopping his car in Richfield. A city of Edina spokesperson said Quiñones "confronted officers with a knife."

A Hennepin County Medical Examiner's report said Quiñones died from multiple gunshot wounds.

None of the officers were wearing body cameras, but both departments had squad car dash cams in operation.

Once its investigation is complete, the Sheriff's Office will turn over its findings to Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman for review.

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