

Apparent murder - suicide in Brownstown Twp . leaves Detroit policeman dead

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BROWNSTOWN TOWNSHIP -- A 38-year-old off-duty Detroit Police officer killed his estranged wife before turning his department-issued .40-caliber Glock handgun on himself Thursday night, police said.

The 3-and 6 year-old-sons of Brian and Tracy Vieau were **in** an upstairs bedroom, watching cartoons and didn't witness the shootings or the aftermath, said **Brownstown** Township Police Chief Daniel Grant.

"Officers went up and found them with the door closed," Grant said. "They had to carry them past momma and dad at the bottom of the stairs, but they covered their heads. We got them out of there without seeing anything."

The children were placed with relatives and a hearing is scheduled for today to establish temporary custody.

Brownstown officers responded at 7:13 p.m. to a 911 call made by Brian Vieau, informing a dispatcher there was a domestic argument **in** progress with shots fired.

Police arrived to find Vieau dead on the living room floor of a home **in** the 2800 block of Red Cedar Court. The handgun was found on the floor near his body. Officers found Vieau's 40-year-old wife, Tracy, at the front door of the residence. She had been shot twice **in** the chest and once **in** the back.

Brownstown Police Chief Daniel Grant said the couple separated several months ago and was **in** the process of divorcing.

Tracy Vieau came to the home to pick up the boys so her husband could go to work on a night shift as a uniformed patrol officer assigned to Detroit's central district. Police said apparently she was shot shortly after entering the home. Four shots were fired. One missed.

Brian Vieau typed a **suicide** note on a home computer and left the document on the screen for police to find. **In** it, he commented about his unhappiness about the breakup of his marriage, Grant said.

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