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Rusk County Man Found Guilty for Murder of Rusk County Deputy

MENOMONIE, Wis. – On Tuesday, September 25, a jury in Dunn County found Doug S. Nitek, 45, guilty of first degree intentional homicide for the slaying of Rusk County Deputy Sheriff Dan Glaze on October 26, 2016. Nitek has yet to be sentenced, but faces the possibility of life imprisonment.

“Doug Nitek killed one of Wisconsin’s finest,” said Attorney General Brad Schimel. “Deputy Glaze left behind a wife and three children, two of whom are very young. He was an amazing father and husband, and was very involved in his community. He was dearly loved by so many, and his ultimate sacrifice will never be forgotten. No court ruling can ever return Deputy Glaze to his family and friends, but today we can take some solace in the justice that has been served. DOJ investigators and prosecutors worked hard to put this cop-killer behind bars, and to find some resolution for the Rusk County community.”

On October 26, 2016, Deputy Glaze observed a suspicious vehicle in a farm field when Nitek fired six times at Deputy Glaze, fatally striking him. When dispatchers were unable to reach Deputy Glaze on his radio, backup from multiple local law enforcement agencies arrived on scene and were met by gunfire from Nitek. Law enforcement were able to utilize multiple armored vehicles to approach the trailer Nitek was in, eventually resulting in his surrender.

Nitek was tried before the Honorable Scott Needham, a St. Croix County judge. The trial took place from September 17, 2018 to September 25, 2018 in Dunn County. Nitek’s sentencing has yet to be scheduled.

The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) assisted the investigation into the incident, which was led by the Eau Claire County Sheriff’s Office. The case was prosecuted by DOJ Assistant Attorneys General Richard Dufour and Amber Hahn.