

New Ulm police chief arrested in domestic assault case

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2015 Cop Domestic Violence Police Chief Myron Neil Wieland



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NEW ULM, Minn. -- New Ulm Police Chief Myron Neil Wieland was arrested and jailed Wednesday afternoon following allegations of domestic assault at his home, according to the Brown County sheriff's office.

Wieland, 54, was booked into the Brown County Jail and immediately transferred to the Faribault County Jail in Blue Earth, where he was booked in at 2:38 p.m. Wednesday, according to jail records. No charges were listed on the site.

A news release from the Brown County sheriff's office stated that an incident at approximately 5:30 p.m. Monday resulted in the New Ulm Police Department reporting information to the sheriff's office "regarding an alleged domestic assault. ..."

The alleged domestic assault occurred at Wieland's home in New Ulm. No information about the alleged victim was released.

It is common in criminal cases involving a law enforcement officer for the investigation to be handled by an outside agency to avoid appearances of a conflict of interest, and the Washington County sheriff's office, based in Stillwater, investigated the case.

"Based upon the results of that investigation, Myron Wieland was arrested without incident at the Brown County Courthouse (at 12:30 p.m. Thursday) by the Brown County Sheriff's Office," the news release stated.

Wieland has been the chief for 6 1/2 years, replacing retiring Chief Erv Weinkauff. Then a commander with the department, Wieland was selected over fellow New Ulm police investigator David Borchert.

A native of New Ulm, Wieland has been with the department for 28 years, serving as a patrol officer, sergeant and commander before taking the top spot on Feb. 1, 2009.