

A New Police Chief for St. Paul

BY DEVIN GRAY

THE CHIEF OF police is a very important position. Some months ago, St. Paul police chief Todd Axtell stepped down. With an obvious need for a police chief, many people stepped up to the plate, including Stacy Murphy and Kurtis Hallstrom. This decision will be made by the mayor of St. Paul, Melvin Carter, along with a committee composed of roughly thirty-eight folks from the region. The task is not an easy one, but Mayor Carter didn't question his judgment when selecting this final candidate.

The choice for the chief of police ended up being commanding officer Axel Henry. Commander Henry is a St. Paul native who served in the police force for an impressive twenty-four years. Commander Henry will begin his sixteen-year term as a chief of police on the nineteenth of November and will be sworn in at St. Paul city hall. Mayor Carter had high spirits about choosing Axel Henry for chief of police, as according to CBS Minnesota he said "Commander Henry's rich patrol and command experience, his lifetime of service to Saint Paul, and his forward-thinking approach to safety have earned him broad support from our officers and residents alike. He is the perfect candidate to lead our nationally renowned police department."

The feeling seems to be mutual on Henry's side as well. Sources from Kare 11 and the St. Paul police

official website quote: "As someone who grew up in our City, attended our public schools, and calls Saint Paul home, I have centered my life and service around our community," said Commander Henry. "I am honored to serve our community as Saint Paul Police Chief, and I look forward to the opportunity to continue working together to build a City that works for all of us."

Commander Henry has a wide array of accolades that helped him reach this point. Commander Henry holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and accounting while also holding a master's degree in educational leadership and administration from the university of St. Thomas. Henry also graduated from the FBI national academy, the command college at FBI Quantico, and the University of Virginia master's program.

He spearheaded the law for Police officers to wear body cams, designed and led the blueprint for the safety program, and has more than twenty years of experience under his belt as a trainer and use of force expert. Overall, Axel Henry has been through a lot of trials and tribulations and finally climbed up the ranks of the police force.

The police chief is an important and respected position and for someone to be chosen for the position is an honor they must uphold. Congratulations to Axel Henry for his new position as the St. Paul chief of police.



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Where is Nancy?

BY LANDON BEHRINGER

AT 2:30 A.M. ON October 28, 2022, the Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi gets a devastating phone call. She instantly rushes from Washington back home to California to be at the side of her husband. Eighty-two-year-old Paul Pelosi was in the hospital getting treated for his severe injuries and a fractured skull. AP news states that "Forty-two-year-old David DePape was arrested on suspicion of attempted murder, elder abuse and burglary, and remained in the hospital late Friday," police said. "This attack happened 11 days before the midterm election, which many believed why this event had taken place."

DePape entered the Pelosi household in the back after breaking through the glass doors. DePape ran into trouble when he found Paul because he was expecting to find Nancy. Paul would convince DePape to let him use the restroom, while in the restroom Paul where Paul frantically called 911. The call is later described by San Francisco Police Chief William Scott as a lifesaving call. During the call, dispatch claims they could hear DePape in the background screaming "Where is Nancy? Where is Nancy?"

Police come to find out discover that Paul and DePape were fighting over a hammer until DePape

got a hold of it and started beating Paul. After a hit to the head, he gave Paul a few more down the arm and onto the hand. When coming to the realization that Nancy was not there and Paul was now injured badly, DePape tried to flee the scene. Squad cars arrived moments later and officers tackled DePape to the ground and arrested him.

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Using DePape's social media accounts, police could piece together that he was critical of the Speaker of the House and what she had to say. Not much information has been released about how Paul recovered from the attack. The information known is that he was released from the hospital and was

claimed to have made a full recovery. The Speaker of the House is described to be very emotional and sharp with her words following this incident.

After the attack, CNN Politics claimed Pelosi said this in an interview: "For me this is really the hard part because Paul was not the target and he's the one who is paying the price," she said. "He was not looking for Paul, he was looking for me."

Days later, news came out about why DePape did what he did. The New York Times stated: "Mr. DePape was looking to interrogate Ms. Pelosi, who was not home at the time, on an unspecified political matter, according to the federal complaint. If she told the 'truth,' he would let her go, but if she 'lied,' he intended to break her 'kneecaps,' forcing her to be wheeled into Congress as a lesson to other Democrats."

This was not the first incident that has taken place in the Pelosi household. Los Angeles Times stated: "Images of the four-bedroom brick home, built in 1938, are regularly featured on conservative websites. The house has been the site of protests; last year, someone used black spray paint to write 'A,' for 'anarchy,' on the garage door, and a severed pig's head was left in front of the home."