

## **Franklin Mayor Suspended From Position On Waterford Police Department; Internal Investigation Underway**

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The mayor of Franklin, John Nelson, has been suspended from his position as a lieutenant of the Waterford Police Department as an internal investigation is underway. The suspension of Nelson and another top officer, combined with a vacancy in the police chief's office, leaves Waterford Police with no acting chief.

The Kenosha News quotes Waterford officials as saying the suspensions and probe into the police department were discussed Monday night in a closed meeting of the village board. The Racine County Sheriff's Department is assisting Waterford Police in patrolling the community during this period. Waterford's police chief quit a few months ago and Nelson and the other suspended officer were the top two officials in the department. Village officials say they are on administrative leave.

Waterford is a village of about 6,000 people in northwestern Racine County roughly between Muskego and Burlington.

Nelson is the Mayor of Franklin in Milwaukee County and has been under fire for his cozy relationship with operators of the controversial Rock entertainment complex. Waterford officials did not name Nelson but Wisconsin Right Now, a conservative website, identified him in a post on X. There is no indication of why Nelson is being investigated in Waterford.

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