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Ex-DM cop finds purpose outdoors

Friendly fire wound ended Schneider's career but opened new direction

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Rain fell hard across Des Moines in the early hours of July 30, 2024. Wind gusts neared 60 mph, turning the streets slick and dim under the red-blue pulse of squad car lights.

On the city's southeast side, officers were searching for a man accused of violating a no-contact order. Minutes later, gunfire cut through the storm, and senior police officer Jesse Schneider's life veered in a direction he never expected.

More than a year later, Schneider, who was hit in the back of his shoulder by friendly fire, said he decided to leave the Des Moines police force.



Schneider

The decision, the 38-year-old said, followed months of therapy and conversations about what service would continue to look like in his life after the injury.

He now helps other first responders and veterans as a volunteer with Giving Back Outdoors, an Iowa-based group that organizes hunts and other outdoor activities for people recovering from injuries and trauma.

"It was a long, long recovery, but I'm feeling good," Schneider said in an interview Oct. 21. "It's been very therapeutic to be out with other guys going through

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Former Des Moines police officer Jesse Schneider poses with an elk during a Giving Back Outdoors hunting trip. PROVIDED BY JESSE SCHNEIDER

SNAP aid for 42M Americans at risk



Deysi Camacho, left, and Maria Calderon shop at the Feeding South Florida food pantry on Oct. 27 in Pembroke Park, Florida. Nationwide, 42 million Americans could lose SNAP benefits if the government shutdown continues. GETTY IMAGES

USDA: Shutdown will halt food benefits Nov. 1

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The 42 million Americans who rely on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program will go without their benefits come Nov. 1 because of the ongoing federal government shutdown, according to a new message from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

SNAP, also known as food stamps, is a federal program that provides low-income families monthly

benefits to afford healthy food.

In recent weeks, the USDA – which oversees the program – warned that SNAP funds for November could be in jeopardy if the shutdown continues. But in a prominent new message on its website as of Oct. 27, USDA said no benefits will be issued Nov. 1.

The shutdown reached its 27th day on Oct. 27, and there's little headway expected over the next few days, as President Donald Trump is away on a nearly

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Maverik's move catches former Kum & Go boss by surprise

Renaming of longtime Iowa chain continues despite prior assurances

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Former Kum & Go owner Kyle J. Krause says he had not expected the chain's new owner, Maverik, to announce plans to change the name of the iconic gas station chain he and wife Sharon sold in 2023, but that the company's leaders are "good people" and are entitled to do as they wish.

Maverik is in the process of retiring the Kum & Go name, associated with the Des Moines-based chain since 1975. Several metro stores already display the new brand.

Headquartered in Salt Lake City, Maverik began rebranding Kum & Go stores almost immediately after the purchase was completed in August 2023, beginning in four western states where both chains had locations.

It announced last year it would extend the new name to all remaining Kum & Go stores.

Asked in an interview with the Des Moines Register if he was surprised by the name change, Krause said, "Yeah, I was." He said Maverik's owners never told him in writing they would keep the Kum & Go name, but verbally assured him they planned to do so.

"It's their choice what they do with the business. They had communicated to me that they intended to run both brands and do that," he said. "But it's their decision. They can choose what they do... But certainly talking to them, their intent prior to the sale was to maintain both brands.

"There's nothing contractual. It's their business. Maverik, they're good people."

A spokesperson for Maverik did not respond to requests for comment.

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