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**DATE:** May 13, 2024

**FROM:** LaSalle County Coroner's Office

On Friday, May 10, 2024, the LaSalle County Coroner's Office was called to Rt. 251, in Dimmick Twp., near Peru, Illinois. The male decedent was identified as 25-year-old, Jerome E. Johnson, of Ottawa, Illinois. A forensic investigative autopsy was conducted with preliminary results indicating he died of multiple injuries sustained from being struck by a motor vehicle.

This incident is under further investigation by the LaSalle County Coroner's Office, Illinois State Police, and Illinois State Police Accident Reconstruction Division. Accident details should be directed to the Illinois State Police Troup 2.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Richard Ploch".

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