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FROM: LaSalle County Coroner's Office

On the evening of January 16th 2025, the LaSalle County Coroner's Office was called to the emergency room of OSF ST. Elizabeth's Hospital in Peru, IL. for a male decedent who had been declared dead at 17:11 p.m. He was recovered from the Illinois River near the Route 89 bridge in Spring Valley, IL. and subsequently transported to the hospital by EMS. He has been identified as Nicolass E. Vanwingerden, age 71, of Granville, IL.

A forensic investigative autopsy was conducted on Saturday, January 18, 2025 with preliminary results pending.

This incident is under further investigation by the LaSalle County Coroner's Office & the Putnam County Sheriff's Office.

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

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