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FROM: LaSalle County Coroner's Office

On the evening of February 9th 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 06:52 p.m. He was reported to have been struck by an automobile while riding his bicycle on Route 251, near North 16th road, Lostant, IL. He was transported to the hospital by EMS. He has been identified as Jacob Crouch, age 46, of LaSalle, IL.

A forensic investigative autopsy will be conducted today February 10th, 2025.

This incident is under further investigation and review by the LaSalle County Coroner's Office, the Illinois State Police, Illinois State Police accident reconstruction unit, & the LaSalle County States Attorney Office.

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