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**DATE:** June 27, 2025

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

On June 25, 2025, the LaSalle County Coroner's Office was called to East 18<sup>th</sup> road, approximately one quarter mile south of North 19<sup>th</sup> road near Grand Ridge, IL., for a white female decedent who had been found deceased next to the roadway. She has been identified as Francesca A. Zeman, age 46, of Grand Ridge, IL.

A forensic investigative autopsy was conducted on June 26, 2025. Preliminary results of the Autopsy indicate that she died of heat stroke. Further forensic and toxicology testing is pending the final outcome. No foul play is suspected at this time.

This incident is under further investigation and review by the LaSalle County Coroner's Office, LaSalle County Sheriff's Office & Illinois State Forensic Services Unit.

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