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

On the early evening of July 7, 2025, the LaSalle County Coroner's Office was called to 3915 East 1369<sup>th</sup> road, Ottawa, IL., Sky Dive Chicago, for a male decedent who had been involved in a skydiving accident. He has been identified as Dr. Noel Liu, age 48, of East Peoria, IL 61611.

A forensic investigative autopsy was conducted on July 8, 2025. Preliminary results of the Autopsy are still pending, and further forensic and toxicology testing is pending the final outcome.

This incident is under further investigation and review by the LaSalle County Coroner's Office, and the LaSalle County Sheriff's Office. The National Transportation Safety Board, and the Federal Aviation Administration will be assisting our agencies with the investigation.

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