



# MEDIA RELEASE



BLOOMINGTON PD & MCLEAN COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE

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## Accidental Drowning Victim Identified

**Bloomington, IL** -McLean County Coroner Dr. Kathleen Yoder identified Sunday's drowning victim as Dariyon Phelps, 19, of Bloomington, IL. Dariyon was pronounced deceased on April 24, 2022, at 08:31 p.m. in the Carle BroMenn Emergency Department. Preliminary autopsy opinion indicates that Phelps died from drowning. Toxicology testing is pending.

This incident remains under investigation by the McLean County Coroner's Office.

Chief Jamal Simington stated, *"I want to give my sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Dariyon in this extremely difficult time. Four of our bravest officers jumped in the cold water with a member of the community in an effort to save Dariyon. They all risked their well-being and lives to rescue him, but after successfully bringing him out of the water and starting resuscitation efforts, we were not able to revive him. The actions of the citizen, the fire department and our officers are commendable, and I am very proud of them!"*

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### Previous Release

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On Sunday, April 24th, 2022, at approximately 7:58 p.m., Bloomington officers and firefighters were dispatched to White Oak Park at 1514 North Cottage Avenue for a report of a man drowning in the lake. A citizen and BPD officers assisted in pulling a 19-year-old-man from the lake. Life saving measures were attempted by Bloomington Fire and Rescue personnel. The male was transported to Carle BroMenn Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased. No foul play is suspected.

Dr. Yoder stated an autopsy will be completed by the McLean County Coroner's Office later today. The identification of the deceased man is being withheld until the next of kin is notified.

There is no additional information to release at this time.

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