

Press Release

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Update #2: CMHU Investigation Update, Bastogne Avenue

Update-CMHU has positively identified the deceased individual from the Bastogne Avenue residence, and notified the family. The deceased individual has been identified as Douglas Drehmel, M/W, 54 years old.

The autopsy for Mr. Drehmel was scheduled for 10 a.m. this morning in Fort Wayne, IN, and is currently ongoing. We will release more information to the media as we are able to do so.

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St. Joseph County –Early this morning, dispatch received a call for a medical assist at 216 Bastogne Avenue, Mishawaka. Medics and the fire department were initially dispatched to the Bastogne residence. However, upon their arrival, it was determined that police officers should also be dispatched to the scene. Mishawaka Police Department (MPD) officers discovered one deceased individual at the scene. A second individual with non-life threatening injuries was also found at the residence and was transported to the hospital for treatment.

The St. Joseph County Metro Homicide Unit (CMHU) was activated as there were circumstances related to the investigation that the MPD thought CMHU should look into. At this time, CMHU is treating this as a death investigation. Investigators believe this is an isolated incident related to that house only, and there is not a neighborhood safety concern.

An autopsy will take place tomorrow (Tuesday, October 17th) on the deceased individual. At this time, his name is not being released pending family notification. We will release more information to the media as we are able to do so.