

Office of the Sheriff - Jefferson County



411 S. Center Avenue
Jefferson, Wisconsin 53549-1703

Paul S. Milbrath, Sheriff

Jeffrey Parker, Chief Deputy

Donald Hunter
Administrative Captain



Travis Maze
Patrol Captain



Margareta Gray
Jail Captain

*** PRESS RELEASE ***

Sheriff Paul S. Milbrath reports that on June 18th, 2022 at 6:51 p.m. the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office received an emergency 911 call from Nature's Villa located at N2899 Roger Road in the Town of Sullivan, WI. Jefferson County. The caller stated that a swimmer, had gone under the water's surface and could not be located.

The water area on this property is a pond like feature that is located on approximately 2 acres of land, the pond is used for swimming by its owner's and guests.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office immediately dispatched Fire and Rescue to the scene. Units from Western Lake EMS, Rome Fire, Sullivan Fire, Ixonia Fire, Helenville Fire, Jefferson Fire, Fort Atkinson Fire, Lake Mills Fire, Whitewater Fire, Watertown Fire, Lebanon Fire and Beaver Dam Fire Departments were all on scene.

As Fire and Rescue units arrived on scene witnesses provided information for Rescue Diver's to enter the water and begin searching. Rescue Diver's continued searching until 9:35 p.m. on June 18th, 2022, at this time searching operations had to be suspended due to nightfall conditions, no recovery had been made at this time.

On June 19th, 2022 the on-scene command was transferred over to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Dive Team. At 7:30 a.m. search of the water began, the Sheriff's Office worked in conjunction with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources using their underwater submersible drone with sonar and camera technology. At 8:33 a.m. the recovery of a (14) year old male adolescent was made within the area being searched.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office along with all Fire and EMS responding to this tragedy extend our deepest heartfelt condolences and sympathy to the family involved.

At this time no further information is being released. (End of release JAP 6/19/22 @ 10:00 a.m.)