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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release:

From: Marc T. Playman - Coroner
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Portage, WI – On Thursday, July 14, 2005 at approximately 701 pm the Columbia County Coroner's Office was notified of a death at the Divine Savior Healthcare Emergency Department. A preliminary investigation has revealed that members of the Columbia County Dive Team had recovered a 19-year-old Westfield man from Silver Lake.

A 911 call received by the Portage Police Department at 544 pm reported a missing male swimmer. The Portage Fire Department and Divine Savior EMS responded to the location and subsequently requested the Columbia County Dive Team. At 651 pm the male was found by members of the Columbia County Dive team and was transported to Divine Savior Healthcare by Divine Savior Healthcare where he was pronounced deceased.

The name is being withheld pending notification of the next of kin. A forensic autopsy is scheduled for Friday, July 15, 2005. The cause and manner remain under investigation by the Columbia County Coroner's Office. The Coroners' Office was assisted by the Portage Fire Department, Divine Savior EMS, Portage Police Department and the Columbia County Dive Team.

UPDATE

The19 year old Westfield male has been identified as **ROOSEVELT D. HARRIS 01/29/1986** who had recently moved from the Milwaukee area. A post mortem examination was conducted today with the results pending toxicology results. Those results are expected some time next week. No other information is available at this time. The matter remains under investigation.

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