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## News Release

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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### **BODY FOUND IN ROCK RIVER**

On Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at approximately 2:15pm, Winnebago County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched for a body that was located in the Rock River near the Auburn Street bridge. The Rockford Fire Department and the Winnebago County Coroner's Office responded to the scene and recovered the body of a deceased black male. The victim has not yet been identified and the exact cause of death has not been determined, and the investigation is ongoing.

An autopsy will be scheduled by the Coroner's Office.

Anyone who may have information is asked to call the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department at 815-282-2600 or Crime Stoppers at 815-963-7867.

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