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NO FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED IN CASE OF TWO INDIVIDUALS FOUND UNRESPONSIVE IN VEHICLE

On Thursday, August 8, 2024, at approximately 6:30p.m., Winnebago County Sheriff's Deputies, Cherry Valley Police Officers and Rockford Park District Officers responded with Cherry Valley Fire Protection District to Blackhawk Springs Forest Preserve for two people, a 22- year old male and a 16- year old female who were found unresponsive in a vehicle. Paramedics immediately began life saving measures. The male occupant was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The female was transported to a local hospital then airlifted to Madison where she is listed in critical condition.

Detectives from the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office are currently conducting an investigation into this incident. There is no evidence of foul play or any ongoing threat to the public. No further details are available at this time.

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