



NORTHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Press Release – Death Investigation Update Victim Identified January 4, 2016

Updated Information: Northfield Police have identified the person who was found deceased on January 3rd as Tiffany Louise Smith, 31 years of age.

Tiffany Smith was reported to Northfield Police as a Missing Person on the afternoon of January 1, 2016. A friend reported Tiffany was upset and had not returned home that morning.

Northfield Police as well as family and friends had searched for Tiffany. Family had also been working with United Legacy Search Management to create and disseminate flyers and organize additional searches.

The incident continues to be investigated by the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office and Northfield Police. Police request media and public be respectful to the family in their time of loss.

Please direct any inquiries to Chief of Police Monte Nelson at 507-663-9301.

Original Release/Information: Northfield Police are investigating the death of a female found outside a residence in the 400 block of E. Third St. in Northfield.

On January 3, 2016 at about 3:10 p.m., Northfield Police responded to the 400 block of E. Third St. on a report of an unresponsive female. Officers were assisted by members of the Northfield Hospital EMS and Northfield Fire Services. Officers found a deceased female in the snow, near a residence.

Judging by the conditions observed, it is believed the deceased may have been there for at least a day. There were no obvious signs of a struggle or other suspicious activity. An autopsy will be performed by the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's office, and Northfield Investigators will continue to investigate the death with personnel from that office.

Police have made a preliminary identification of the deceased, but the name is being withheld pending notification of family members.

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