



Press Release

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AGENCY: CARVER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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CLASSIFICATION: MISSING PERSON FOUND
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Carver County Sheriff Jason Kamerud reports that sheriff's deputies received a report on September 22, 2019, identifying the whereabouts of a missing St. Peter, MN, man. Sheriff's deputies began an investigation with the aid of MN BCA, St. Peter Police Department, and Southwest Metro Drug Task Force.

Alexander John-Louis Sarlis (20) was reported missing by family members to St. Peter Police Department on September 17, 2019. Sarlis, who is from Delaware, was a student at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. Sheriff's deputies located evidence indicating Sarlis' was in Hamburg, MN, which led deputies to obtain a search warrant to search an apartment on Brad Street in Hamburg.

Sarlis' body was found in the apartment, concealed in a sleeping bag. He had obviously been deceased for several days. Sheriff's deputies do not suspect homicide as the manner of death at this time. Instead, they suspect Sarlis died of a likely drug overdose. Sheriff's deputies and the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office are continuing inquiry into the circumstances and specific cause and manner of Sarlis' death.

During the preliminary investigation, sheriff's deputies spoke with people associated with the apartment, learning that at least two people tried to conceal the decedent's body and one person stole property from the decedent after his death. Sheriff's deputies arrested two adult males for interference with a dead body and an adult female for theft, all felonies. All three remain in the Carver County Jail pending formal charges.

If you need assistance from police, fire or medical personnel call 9-1-1. Anyone with information related to an incident or crime is asked to contact the Carver County Sheriff's Office at 952-361-1212. After hours, call 952-361-1231.

To remain anonymous, you may leave a message on the tip line: 952-361-1224. You may also use the tip form on the Sheriff's Office website at: <http://www.co.carver.mn.us/departments/county-sheriff/crime-prevention/crime-tips>