



PRESS RELEASE

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Death Investigation – Follow-up

Brown Township, Paulding County, Ohio—On Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at 2:20 p.m., deputies were dispatched to the Sherman Cemetery at the intersection of Rd 179 & Rd 140, for a deceased male body discovered in the western portion of the cemetery.

Today, March 30, 2022, Investigators were able to confirm the identity of the deceased man found in the cemetery as 29-year-old Jared J. Hernandez from Defiance, Ohio.

“Officials did not rule on a cause of death today after the autopsy. They will await the findings of the toxicology testing before coming to a conclusion, which could be several months,” said Sheriff Jason K. Landers. “We will continue to talk with family, friends and associates of Jared, and follow any leads that come into the office. He did not die at the scene. We need answers as to where and why he died and who put him there.”

If anyone has information to assist investigators with this case, please contact the Paulding County Sheriff's Office at 419-399-3791. You can also leave information via Facebook by searching Facebook/Paulding County Sheriff's Office or view our website at www.pauldingohsheriff.com and leave an e-mail for the Sheriff. You may also leave an anonymous tip via the website by scrolling to the bottom of any page and clicking on “send us an anonymous tip.”

Please understand all anonymous tips sent from the Sheriff's website are reviewed. However, the sender is truly anonymous. We have no way to reply to those tips. If you want a response, you will need to send an email to Sheriff Landers at jklanders@pauldingohsheriff.com.