



Media Release

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UPDATE: Ames Police Identify Victim in Water

On October 4, 2026, around 1228 pm, officers were dispatched to a vehicle in the water near 4518 Mortensen. Officers and witnesses located a truck in the water with one person inside. The truck later became fully submerged with the person inside the vehicle. Ames Police is currently receiving assistance from the Story County Sheriff's Office Dive Team, Ames Fire Department, and Mary Greeley Medical Center to recover the vehicle. Names of the people involved are not being released at this time.

UPDATE: The Story County Sheriff's Office Dive Team recovered a 2021 Nissan Titan and the body of 77-year-old Ames resident, Zondai Muyengwa, from the water.

The Ames Police Department continues to investigate the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Ames Police Department at (515) 239-5133 or the anonymous tip line (515) 239-5533. You may also contact Crime Stoppers of Central Iowa at (515) 223-1400. Online anonymous tips may be submitted to www.crimestoppersofcentraliowa.com.

Questions regarding this press release may be directed to Sergeant Amber Christian, Ames Police Department, at (515) 239-5134 or (515) 239-5133.

