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## PRESS RELEASE- HAILEY ANDERSON

On September 22, 2021, Cumberland Police Department received a report of a possible missing person identified as Hailey A Anderson, date of birth 5/16/1978. The complainant, Hailey's mother, reported no one had heard from Hailey since September 16, 2021; which was unusual for Hailey. Cumberland Police Department began investigating the incident and, based on information obtained, believed Hailey's disappearance may have been under suspicious circumstances. Cumberland Police Department requested the assistance of the Barron County Sheriff's Office to assist with resources, interviews, and search warrants.

Several search warrants were executed including obtaining Hailey's cellular phone records which showed no activity on the phone since 9/16/2021 at 11:58 PM. We were able to determine the last known location was near South Range, Wisconsin based on location data obtained from Hailey's cellular phone. Douglas County Sheriff's Office was requested to check the last known location for Hailey or her vehicle on 9/24/2021, however they could not locate anything at that time.

On 9/27/2021, in the early morning hours, Douglas County Sheriff's Office located Hailey's vehicle near the edge of the Amnicon River. Hailey's vehicle had veered off Highway 53, left the roadway, and crashed into the river bank. The operator of the vehicle had been ejected from the vehicle and was located deceased. The operator is believed to be Hailey Anderson, however, official identification is pending.

The traffic crash is currently being investigated by the Douglas County Sheriff's Office. An autopsy is scheduled for Tuesday, September 28, 2021.

I would like to extend our sincerest condolences to Hailey's family and friends.

I would also like to thank the Barron County Sheriff's Office and Douglas County Sheriff's Office for their assistance with this investigation; as well as the public who called in several tips to assist in locating Hailey.

Chief Heather Wolfe

**Cumberland Police Department**