



## OFFICIAL MEDIA RELEASE KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: November 10, 2015  
Complaint Number: 15-157016  
Type of Incident: Death Investigation  
Location: 2067 84<sup>th</sup> Street S.W., Byron Township  
Detective: Pete Duncan  
Supervisor Approval: Lt. Ron Gates

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On Monday, November 9, 2015, workers were using a lift to install Christmas lights on a pine tree at Cook Funeral Home, located at 2067 84<sup>th</sup> Street S.W. in Byron Township, when they noticed what looked like a car that was submerged in a nearby pond.

They contacted the Kent County Sheriff's Office who confirmed there appeared to be a car submerged in the pond with no signs it had just occurred. On Tuesday, November 10, 2015, at approximately 9:00 AM, the Kent County Sheriff's Office Dive Team dove the pond and confirmed it was a vehicle in the pond. After obtaining the plate number, they ran the plate and it came back to a missing person case out of the City of Wyoming from October 11, 2006. The Wyoming Police Department was contacted and responded to the scene.

A wrecker was contacted and pulled the vehicle out of the pond. Located behind the steering wheel was human remains (mostly skeletal). Also found in the vehicle was a wallet belonging to the missing person.

The deceased was transported to Spectrum Health Blodgett for an autopsy. The name of the deceased is not being released at this time until we can confirm the identity.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Kent County Sheriff's Department at 616-632-6357 or Silent Observer at 616-774-2345.

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