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AGENCY:

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LOCATION:

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CAPTAIN SAM HOUSTON

LATE MONDAY EVENING, JULY 18TH, A 45-YEAR-OLD WHITE MALE WAS FOUND DECEASED OF UNDETERMINED CAUSES IN A FARM FIELD IN THE 5800 BLOCK OF NORTH 263RD STREET WEST IN WESTERN SEDGWICK COUNTY. THE MALE WAS FOUND NEAR A VEHICLE THAT HAD BEEN BACKED INTO A HEDGEROW APPROXIMATELY A HALF OF A MILE OFF OF THE ROADWAY.

THE MAN HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS SAM RUSTON OF THE HAYSVILLE AREA. AT THIS POINT IN THE INVESTIGATION, SHERIFF INVESTIGATORS HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN LOCATING RELATIVES FOR MR. RUSTON.

ON MONDAY, JULY 18 AN AUTOPSY WAS PERFORMED AT THE SEDGWICK COUNTY FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER. THERE WAS NO TRAUMA FOUND ON THE BODY OF MR. RUSTON, NOR SIGNS OF A PHYSICAL ALTERCATION THAT WOULD HAVE CAUSED HIS DEATH. TOXICOLOGY RESULTS ARE EXPECTED IN SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS.

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SHERIFF INVESTIGATORS ARE ASKING THAT ANYONE HAVING CONTACT WITH MR. RUSTON OVER A TIME PERIOD FROM FRIDAY, JULY 15 TO MONDAY, JULY 18 TO CONTACT SHERIFF INVESTIGATIONS AT 316-660-5300. THE INVESTIGATION IS STILL ONGOING.

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