



Lake County Sheriff's Office
John D. Idleburg, Sheriff

Lake County Coroner's Office
Dr. Howard I. Cooper, Coroner



MEDIA RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Warren Township Death Investigation (issued February 4th)

On February 2, 2019, at approximately 9:50PM, Lake County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to an address in the 36500 block of North Route 41, Warren Township, for a report of a vehicle on fire. Gurnee Firefighters arrived and extinguished the fire.

After the fire was extinguished, firefighters and sheriff's deputies observed a badly burned body inside the vehicle. Notification was made to the Lake County Coroner's Office and coroner's staff responded to the scene.

An inspection of the vehicle revealed it had been previously driven by a woman reported as missing from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Identification of the body located inside the car has not yet been confirmed.

The investigation into this incident remains ongoing by the Lake County Sheriff's Office, Lake County Coroner's Office, and Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Further information will be released as it becomes available.

Update: Body Identified

On February 5, 2019, the Lake County Coroner's Office conducted an autopsy on the remains recovered from the burned vehicle. Lake County Coroner Doctor Howard Cooper said, "Through dental records we positively identified the body as Kathleen Ryan, 56, of the 2300 block of East Holt Avenue, Milwaukee. I am awaiting additional testing before releasing the preliminary cause of Kathleen's death. I have been in close communication with the Ryan family and extend my deepest condolences to them."

Sheriff John Idleburg said, "Our detectives continue working with the Lake County Coroner's Office, Milwaukee Police Department, and Office of the State Fire Marshal to determine what

happened. We know Kathleen was very loved by her family and those who knew her, and we are working diligently to find answers for them.”

Anyone with information about Kathleen Ryan or this incident encouraged to contact Sheriff’s Detectives at 847-377-4159.

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