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## **DECEASED FEMALE LOCATED NEAR MEN'S TRAIL (2<sup>nd</sup> release)**

**April 26, 2016, 2015, 2:00 pm**

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Complaint Number:	781-02975-16
Date/Time of Incident:	Monday, April 25, 2016 at 11:01 am
Location:	Men's Trail area, west of 12 <sup>th</sup> and Division St. on the Grand Traverse Commons Property

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The next of kin of the deceased female has been notified in South Carolina. The victim's name is: MARY WATKINS RUSSELL, 05/27/1973.

MS. RUSSELL has been a Traverse City resident since 2011.

The preliminary autopsy report has identified the probable cause of death as natural, specifically coronary artery disease. The official cause of death will not be determined until toxicology reports are returned which may take up to two weeks.

Detectives were able to locate witnesses identifying MS. RUSSELL as being alive on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 pm. She was located deceased laying outside of a tent in the area of the Men's Trail on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:01 am.

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