

## **PRESS RELEASE #1- DROWNING**

On Sunday, July 31, 2016, at approximately 10:56 AM, the Wadena County Sheriff's Office received a report of an intoxicated male at the Menahga City Beach who was refusing to leave after being asked. The caller stated the individual was fully clothed and in the water.

An Officer from the Menahga Police Department arrived on scene and met with lifeguards. While doing this, the Officer observed the intoxicated individual swimming out towards the raft, which is approximately 50 feet from shore. The lifeguard shouted at the individual, asking them to come out of the water. The individual ignored the request and continued to swim towards the raft. While doing this, the individual went under water a couple times and came back up but went under a third time and did not come back up. Lifeguards immediately swam to the location of the individual with their flotation devices and pulled the individual back above water. The party was unresponsive at this time and was brought to the shore where CPR was started. CPR continued until Tri-County Ambulance arrived. The individual was air lifted out to Essential Health in Fargo, ND, where later in the day, they were pronounced deceased.

The name of the individual is not being released at this time pending notification of family members.

The Menahga Police Department and Wadena County Sheriff's Office was assisted on scene by the Menahga First Responders, Tri-County Ambulance and North Air Care.