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***** NEWS RELEASE *****

DATE: August 12, 2024

FROM: LaSalle County Coroner's Office

On the afternoon of Sunday, August 11, 2024, the LaSalle County Coroner's Office was called to Interstate Rt. 80 near mile marker 73, Peru, IL, for a deceased, male, individual. The decedent was identified as 67-year-old, Ronald W. Hansen, of Tiskilwa, Illinois.

Mr. Hansen was traveling eastbound in a silver minivan on Interstate Rt. 80. Preliminary investigation indicates that for unknown reasons he left the roadway striking the overpass to Plank Road, Peru, Illinois. The female passenger, Mr. Hansen's wife, Theresa A. Hansen, age 66, also of Tiskilwa, Illinois, was taken to OSF St. Elizabeth Medical Center-Peru Campus where she was pronounced deceased.

Forensic investigative autopsies will be conducted on Monday, August 12, 2024, with preliminary results pending.

This incident is under further investigation by the LaSalle County Coroner's Office, Illinois State Police, and Illinois State Police Accident Reconstruction Unit.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Ploch".

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