



PRESS RELEASE

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UPDATE: Ames Police Release Cause of Death for Olivia Chutich

On January 22, 2021, at 9:49 a.m., the Ames Police Department responded to a medical call at Delta Delta Delta Sorority, 302 Ash Avenue. The caller reported a college aged female was found unconscious in the parking lot. When officers arrived, they found a 21-year-old, Olivia Chutich, deceased and on the ground in the parking lot. Investigators processed the scene, canvassed the area, and completed numerous follow-up interviews. There was no evidence of foul play found at the scene.

UPDATE – An autopsy was completed on January 24, 2021 by the State Medical Examiner’s Office. The cause of death was determined to be an accidental death caused by acute alcohol intoxication and hypothermia. The family of Ms. Chutich continues to ask for privacy as they grieve this loss.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Ames Police Department at 239-5133 or the anonymous tip line **239-5533**. You may also contact Crime Stoppers of Central Iowa at 515-223-1400. Online anonymous tips may be submitted to www.crimestoppersofcentraliowa.com.

Questions regarding this press release may be directed to Commander Jason Tuttle, Ames Police Department, at (515) 239-5312 or (515) 239-5133.

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