

## PRESS RELEASE

On 01/16/2021 at approximately 2:45 pm the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department responded to a report of a man down on Emerald Mound Road outside of Lebanon, IL in rural St. Clair County.

The man was found approximately 1 mile east of II. Rt. 4 in the lot of the township rock pile.

Deputies discovered an unknown black male who was deceased at the scene near the rock pile.

The Sheriff's Department was not able to identify the subject and the Greater St. Louis Major Case Squad was called out to assist in the investigation. It is believed the victim died from an intentional act, but the possible cause of death is not being released at this time.

The investigation is in the preliminary stages, with a total of 21 investigators working this case.

Anyone with information can call the Major Case Squad at 618-825-5200 or the Sheriff's Department at 618-825-2051.

\*All persons arrested or charged must be considered innocent until proven guilty by law.

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