

NEWS

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RELEASE

For Immediate Release – Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 11:30 a.m.

Town of Newbold – On Sunday evening, July 10, 2011 at 4:05 p.m. the Oneida County Sheriff's Office received a phone call from a concerned citizen regarding a small dog, wallet, and cell phone located on the shore of the public boat landing off South Rainbow Drive and Stormy Landing Road in the Town of Newbold.

An Oneida County Deputy and Wisconsin DNR Warden initially responded to the call in an attempt to locate the owner of the property. The Deputy and Warden arrived at the scene and eventually located an abandoned boat on the Rainbow Flowage that belonged to the same person as identified in the wallets contents. A vehicle and trailer were then located at the Stormy Landing Road boat landing also belonging to the boat owner. The Deputy made contact with family members and were informed the owner of the boat had left to go fishing on the Rainbow Flowage earlier in the day. Witnesses at the boat landing stated they had seen the boat owner at the landing.

The Oneida County Dive Team responded to the scene and a search of the water was initiated. A short time later the body of the victim was recovered from the water near the boat landing area. The 63 year old victim has been identified as Lawrence J. Stecker, of Sayner, Wisconsin.

At this time the Oneida County Sheriff and the Oneida County Medical Examiner's Office are conducting an investigation into the circumstances of the death.

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