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On Monday, March 31 at 12:24 p.m., the Sioux County Sheriff's Office was called to investigate the death of an individual at 500 West Park St. room #20, Sheldon, IA.

Initially Sheriff Dan Altena did not release the name of the individual because the sheriff's office had been unable to locate next of kin. The sheriff's office believes the deceased man to be John Richard Grant, age 82. Grant, because he was a transient person, has lived in many places, including Kansas, Minnesota, Chicago, and now Sheldon.

An autopsy was performed at LCM in Sioux Falls, SD on Tuesday, April 1. The preliminary findings indicate that Grant died naturally from conditions as a result of a disease.

Sheriff Altena said there was no foul play involved in the death.

UPDATED NEWS RELEASE – JOHN GRANT

When Officers found Grant, he was in possession of \$263,000 cash and other personal property. The money and property had been placed into evidence for safe-keeping until any family of Grant could be found.

On Monday, April 21, 2008, The Sioux County Sheriff's Office, after an extensive investigation to locate any living relatives, determined Grant has a brother living in Japan along with a cousin living in New York and a cousin living in Illinois. They have been contacted and are now working with the Sioux County Attorney's Office to receive possession of the cash and other property of John Grant.

Grant was transported by Oolman Funeral Homes, of Orange City, IA. to the Iowa National Cemetery in Keokuk, Iowa, where he was buried with full military honors by members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion.