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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**\*UPDATED RELEASE\***

The Sioux County Sheriff's Office continues its investigation into the discovery of a dead body that was discovered near the Floyd River, west of Sheldon, IA. The body has been identified as Cory Allen Wright of Sheldon, IA.

The Sheriff's Office is now specifically seeking information from anyone who may have had communication with Wright on or after October 10, 2018 either in-person, by phone, text, or social media.

If you have any information about Wright, or this case, you are asked to contact the Sioux County Sheriff's Office. If you wish to remain anonymous, you may use our *Text-A-Tip* program by texting 274637 and entering "SCSO" in the message body followed by your tip.

**\*PREVIOUS RELEASE\***

The Sioux County Sheriff's Office continues its investigation of a dead body that was discovered near the Floyd River, west of Sheldon, IA, on Tuesday, March 26.

The Iowa State Medical Examiner performed an autopsy on the body on Thursday, March 28 at the State Crime Lab in Ankeny, IA. According to the State Medical Examiner, the cause of death is yet to be determined.

On Wednesday, April 3, the Iowa State Medical Examiner was able to confirm the identity of the deceased body, through the use of a fingerprint.

The Sioux County Sheriff's Office has further confirmed the identity of the body by matching the tattoos with arrest records. The deceased body is that of Cory Allen Wright, age 27, with a last known address of Sheldon, Ia.

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(PHOTO OF WRIGHT AND ORIGINAL RELEASE BELOW)



**CORY ALLEN WRIGHT**

**\*ORIGINAL PRESS RELEASE\***

**Dead body discovered**

On Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at 10:12 am, the O'Brien County Communications Center received a call from a person who said he believed there was a dead body on the shore of the Floyd River; near the southeast edge of the Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon.

A Sheldon Police Officer was dispatched to the scene. The officer then contacted the Sioux County Sheriff's Office, as the location of the incident was in the jurisdiction of the sheriff's office.

An investigation was subsequently initiated by the Sioux County Sheriff's Office.

**According to the Sioux County Sheriff's Office:**

The deceased body was located along the shore of the Floyd River, near the very southeastern portion of the college property.

It appeared that the body had been underwater.

Sioux County Sheriff's Office investigators believe the body to be an unidentified male in his 30's or 40's.

The body will be transported to the Iowa State Crime Laboratory in Ankeny, Iowa for an autopsy.

More information will be available as the investigation continues.

The sheriff's office does not believe there is any immediate danger to area residents at this time.