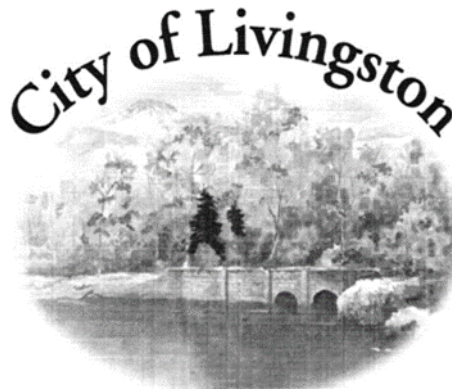


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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **INFORMATION REGARDING INVESTIGATION OF DECEASED INDIVIDUAL FOUND IN LIVINGSTON**

**LIVINGSTON, Montana** – On the morning of February 10, 2023, the City of Livingston Police Department received a report of a deceased individual that was found in the City east of the US-89 Veterans Bridge. The Department responded and immediately commenced an investigation to determine the identity of the individual and circumstances surrounding his demise. While there is still more to learn, conversations with each person known to have encountered the deceased individual in his final hours lead the City of Livingston to believe that the death, while tragic, was not the result of a criminal act.

Since February 10, the Livingston Police Department has actively investigated this case. The Department continues to investigate the death of the individual we now know as Jalen Williams, formerly of Illinois. The Department has spoken to several witnesses who encountered Mr. Williams in the early hours of February 10. At this point, Mr. Williams' death appears to be an unattended incident and not the result of criminal behavior by others. A summary timeline of known events is included at the end of this release and any community members that have information which they believe may be helpful to the investigation are urged to contact the City of Livingston Police Department at (406) 222-2050.

The City's investigation has been supported by our law enforcement members at the County and State levels. In addition to the Park County Coroner, the City has been aided by both the State Medical Examiner, who is conducting the autopsy, and Crime Lab, who is performing the toxicology testing. The City appreciates the support of our partners as we work to understand the manner and cause of death in this case. More information will be released when the autopsy is finalized.

The City of Livingston empathizes with Mr. William's family during this difficult time and we share their desire to understand this tragic event. Led by Chief Dale Johnson and Detective Jason Gunderson, the members of the Livingston Police Department continue to work toward that goal. The City will continue working with Mr. Williams' loved ones and stands ready to support them in any way possible.

**Summary Timeline of Events:** A summary timeline of certain known events of the morning of February 10, 2023, are provided to the community so that those with information that may be helpful have an understanding of the investigation.

- Witnesses have advised that Mr. Williams had not slept in the 48 hours before his death and was exhibiting abnormal behavior in the hours before he left the Loch Leven address at which he was residing. Those close to Mr. Williams have confirmed his history of insomnia.
- Based on witness statements, Mr. Williams was believed to have left the Loch Leven address where he was residing between 3:30 and 4:30 am.
- At approximately 5:00 am, several neighbors in the area of South M Street reported to 911 a male yelling near the Girl Scout Camp. The witnesses described the male's yelling as a "psychiatric episode," not yelling as if the male was being harmed. Officers responded but were unable to locate the male.
- At approximately 5:29am, a truck driver reported seeing a naked male running along US Hwy 89 South. The male emerged from the dog park, just past Veteran's Bridge, and was last seen running Eastbound on the shoulder of the Westbound Lane.
- Given the temperatures, the first truck driver was concerned for the male's well-being and called a fellow truck driver who passed through the area minutes later. The second driver did not witness the naked male and so the second truck driver did not call 911 until he saw a news article.
- Mr. Williams' body presented with a number of superficial scratches and scrapes, consistent with a nude person walking or running through a wooded area. The superficial injuries observed were not consistent with an assault nor were the injuries defensive in nature.

**About the City of Livingston:** The City of Livingston, Montana, is located along the banks of the Yellowstone River and is home to approximately 8,000 residents. As the historic gateway to Yellowstone National Park, the City of Livingston welcomes over 4 million visitors each year to its historic downtown. Located 30 miles east of Bozeman, the City of Livingston is home to many small businesses, medical facilities and recreational amenities.