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On February 27th, 2019 at approximately 8:30 a.m. the Ransom County Sheriff's Office and the Milnor Ambulance were dispatched to a rural Milnor residence for a male that was found deceased. Upon arrival the officers found William "Bill" Galusha deceased in the home. The Ransom County Sheriff's Office and the North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigations are investigating the cause of death. The Ransom County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Milnor Ambulance, ND Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Ransom County Coroner's Office, ND Medical Examiner's Office, and the Sargent County Sheriff's Office.

During the initial investigation, evidence was collected and foul play could not be ruled out. Family, friends, employers, and acquaintances were interviewed and persons of interest were developed. Many staff hours and resources are being dedicated on this multi-state, multi-agency cooperative effort investigation.

The Ransom County Sheriff's Office is aware of the events that took place in Douglas County, MO. The primary person of interest, Barry Wedge, has died. These events will not change the course of our investigation.

The official autopsy report of Mr. Galusha's death that states "that the manner of death is best classified as homicide for public health purposes" was received by the Ransom County Sheriff's Office on May 6, 2019.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all persons affected by this incident. We were pleased to hear that no Missouri law enforcement personnel were severely injured in this incident.

The Ransom County Sheriff's Office would like to remind you that this is still an active open investigation and no further details can be released at this time.

Thank you for your cooperation during the continued investigation and respecting the families' privacy.