

Reporting Officer 622 - Marth, Scott A.	Current Status Active
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Case Category Description Department Assist	Ref#
Offenses	
Location	Illinois 78 @ .2 mi S of Lowden Road Mount Carroll, IL 61053
Occurred	07/28/2024 Sun 3:33
To	07/28/2024 Sun 3:33
Reported	07/28/2024 Sun 3:33
Dispatched	07/28/2024 Sun 3:34
Arrived	07/28/2024 Sun 3:36
Completed	
<b>Initial Report Death Investigation</b>	
I received a radio call reporting a body near Illinois 78 @ Lowden Road at 0334 on 07/28/2024. I went enroute from our office and arrived approximately two minutes later at 0336.	
I was met by two persons at the scene that I recognized as off duty law enforcement personnel. Deputy Matt Herpstreich and 911 Dispatcher Amy Hubble. They discovered the person lying in the roadway.	
This location is north and just outside Mount Carroll's jurisdiction. The road curvature at this particular location is in a more East-West direction although Illinois 78 is a North South highway. There is a slight sloping grade in this area and I noticed no major road defects in the immediate area.	
As I approached on foot I observed a person lying in the northbound lane of Illinois 78, near center lane. The head facing in a southernly direction and feet facing north. The right arm was underneath the body. I observed a substantial pool of blood on the right side of the head. The victim was face up. I observed some coagulation in the pooled blood on the roadway.	
I asked if this was a code zero. Amy Hubble replied to the affirmative saying that there was brain matter visible. She continued that when they came upon the body she initially thought she heard agonal breathing and rolled the person to assess. Amy Hubble is a paramedic with the Savanna Ambulance Association. She did not proceed with CPR after her assessment.	

I made a brief confirmation assessment and on the left (west) side of the head area I observed what I also believed was brain matter. This would have been on the left side or rear left side of the victim's head. I notified county that this was a code zero.

Deputy Herpstreich asked if I knew the victim and I replied that I didn't immediately recognize the person but said he reminded me of a kid [REDACTED] that I knew from the Middle School and lived nearby. I worked inside the building on a security contract for four years until a couple years ago. I later checked records to obtain the full name of this person and passed that information along to Sheriff Kloepping. I later learned that the victim was not [REDACTED]

A cursory check of the immediate area and roadway showed it was clear of any car parts or debris and I did not observe any tire markings. I did not observe any front end damage to Deputy Herpstreich's truck which was parked in the north lane of Illinois 78 and east of the victim. His vehicle was approximately 25 yards south of the victim and slightly on the shoulder.

I did observe what appeared to be brain matter on the roadway away from the location of the body. This was located West of the body and maybe extending 10 to 15 feet away from the location of the head. There were not many pieces but I would say I recall three to five were visible.

Deputy Herpstreich had walked along with me as I surveyed at the scene. He asked if I needed anything from them at the scene. I saw no reason to hold he and Hubble there within the crime scene. They could both easily be contacted and/or recalled if needed so I said no. The demeanor of both Herpstreich and Hubble was normal and professional. I returned to my squad after they left the scene and sent the responding deputy my phone number because I wasn't sure she had it.

Deputy Anderson arrived a short time later and after a brief relay of information I moved north on Illinois 78 to shut down the roadway at Lowden Road. I was eventually released by an ISP trooper.

WEATHER - Prior to and during this incident the area was receiving a light rain and the road surfaces were wet. A check of a weather recording station in Mount Carroll showed at 0253hrs the temperature was 69 degrees. This is consistent with my memory. It was slightly hazy but I had not observed any fog.

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Approving Officer

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**Case Supplemental**

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Supplemental  
Information****Date****07/30/24 Tue**

The purpose of this report is to supplement my initial report with some new recall of the incident.

My initial recall was that the reporting parties were close in proximity to me while I was at scene. I recalled that just prior to Deputy Herpstreich and Amy Hubble leaving the scene I was walking the south shoulder and looking at the roadway. This is when I observed what appeared to be brain matter to the west of the body.

At this point I noticed that Deputy Herpstreich was walking the north shoulder and maybe 15 yards west (ahead) of where I was on the south side. He did not have a flashlight and I called out to him to be careful walking because there was evidence west of the body on the roadway.

I did not proceed farther west into the crime scene. I returned to where Amy was standing (between the body and truck) and Matt returned to this area also. This is when he asked if I needed anything from him and I replied no.

During my interview with Inv. Kuehl he asked why I had looked at Matt's truck. I don't remember finishing my thought. As a young officer I was first on scene at a fatal motorcycle accident and made an observation about the reporting persons vehicle that led to him being interviewed as a suspect. That experience taught me to look at all vehicles on the scene even if it is just a quick inspection.

At the time I looked at Matt's truck I was specifically looking for the victims shoes because I had noticed the victim was barefoot. My training is that in a vehicle vs pedestrian accident shoes are often separated from the victim at point of impact. I had shined my light back towards and under Matt's truck and further back to where my squad was to see if the shoes there. I did not locate any shoes.

In regards to my observations of Matt and Amy possibly being under the influence I did not detect any slurred speech and both appeared to be steady as they walked. I can't recall any odor of alcoholic beverage but I don't recall a time where I would have just been standing talking to either except when Amy was describing her actions and that was fairly brief and direct.

I am writing this with the knowledge that both Amy and Matt were placed on administrative leave. I became aware of that after sending a checkup message to Amy and not getting a response. I was aware that she was upset after being interviewed and Amy has shared with me she has had anxiety issues since the passing of her stepdaughter and I was concerned. I also texted Matt Herpstreich (unsure if the number I have is a work or personal phone) to see if he had heard from her. Neither responded so I contacted Matt Magill to see if he knew if Amy had called off.