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## PRESS RELEASE

**Date/Time:** 04-02-24 @ 1330 Hours  
**Contact:** Chief Gabriel Frase  
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**Release #:** 1

### **Garrard Creek Death Investigation.**

Detectives are investigating the death of a female discovered in the 900 block of Garrard Creek Rd Rochester on Tuesday morning. At about 04:40 a.m., aid personnel and deputies were dispatched to an unresponsive female who was discovered by a passing citizen near the roadway. Upon arrival of medical personnel, they determined the female was deceased and turned the scene over to law enforcement. A portion of Garrard Creek Rd was closed for several hours during the initial investigation and has since been reopened.

This case remains active, and due to the nature of the investigation no further information is being released at this time. An autopsy has been scheduled, and further information regarding the decedent, to include cause and manner of death will be released by the Lewis County Coroner's Office when appropriate.

Anyone having possible information about the incident is encouraged to call the Lewis County Sheriff's Office at (360) 748-9286, or Lewis County Communications at (360) 740-1105.

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Being a committed community partner, providing professional service to enhance the safety, security, and quality of life in Lewis County.