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For Immediate Release

*Jennifer P. Muraski, Coroner
Winnebago County Coroner's Office*

Location of Incident: West Lane Road east of Mitchell Road, Machesney Park, Illinois

Deceased: Nycholas Spears

Age: 22-year-old male of Rockford, Illinois

Pronounced dead: August 21, 2025, at 5:55 p.m.

Narrative:

On Thursday, August 21, 2025, at 7:02 p.m., the Winnebago County Coroner's Office was called to West Lane Road east of Mitchell Road for a fatal motor vehicle crash.

The decedent has been identified as 22-year-old Nycholas Spears.

Preliminary investigation indicates that shortly before 5:15 p.m., Mr. Spears was a passenger in a vehicle traveling westbound on West Lane Road when the driver reportedly lost control, struck a curb, and left the roadway, causing the vehicle to roll several times.

Winnebago County Sheriff's Deputies, Harlem-Roscoe Fire Department personnel, and MD-1 responded to the crash. Upon arrival, first responders found Mr. Spears unresponsive. Despite treatment efforts, it was determined he was beyond resuscitation. MD-1 pronounced him deceased on scene at 5:55 p.m.

An autopsy is scheduled for Monday, August 25, 2025.

This incident remains under investigation by the Winnebago County Coroner's Office and the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office.

Information released on: August 22, 2025

If you have any other questions, please call Jennifer Muraski 815-218-2720.

Respectfully,

Matthew Lane, Chief Deputy Coroner
Winnebago County Coroner's Office