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## *Press Release*

*August 7, 2007*

The Sheriff's Office is investigating an unattended death of, ***RICHARD R. JOHNSTON***, 33 years old, of Oxford (ME). The Sheriff's Office began its investigation on 08/05/2007 when the CCRCC received a Medical Emergency call at 7:40 am of a male (Johnston) not breathing.

Johnston was camping (tenting) with his girlfriend at 22 Moonvalley Circle in Harrison, when she awoke on the morning of August 5<sup>th</sup>, she discovered he was not breathing. Upon the arrival of EMS personnel, it was determined that Johnston was already deceased. Johnston's immediate family was notified of his death.

There was no evidence that the death was suspicious, though drugs were found at the scene and that Johnston was using drugs prior to his death.

The body was turned over to the Medical Examiner's Office; cause of death is pending, an autopsy will be performed this week.

Questions can be referred to, Captain Don Goulet at 774-1444, ext. 2110.

Prepared by,  
Captain Goulet 08/07/2007