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[New Town, ND 5:45 pm] On Saturday, June 4, 2022 around 11:10 am, Mountrail County Sheriff's Office received information via 9-1-1 call that a possible deceased human was found in the water against the shoreline on Lake Sakakawea by a boater out fishing.

Three Affiliated Tribes Law Enforcement, MHA Emergency Operations Center, New Town Volunteer Fire Department, and Three Affiliated Tribes Fish and Wildlife Division were dispatched and responded.

A Three Affiliated Tribes Police Officer and a Mountrail County Sheriff's Office Deputy Sheriff secured the scene immediately.

Per Three Affiliated Tribes Law Enforcement Detective Division protocols, the Minot Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Satellite Office and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Special Agent Division were also notified.

Additional personnel from the Three Affiliated Tribes Law Enforcement, New Town Volunteer Fire Department, Mountrail County Sheriff's Office, and an FBI Agent responded to the reported location along the east lake shoreline, about 2.8 miles south of the Four Bears Bridge.

New Town Volunteer Fire Department facilitated the recovery of a deceased individual's body from the lake to be transferred to a nearby docking area, where the body was then transported by Mountrail County Sheriff's Office to the North Dakota State Forensic Examiner's Office in Bismarck, ND.

Confirmation of identification and cause of death of the deceased individual is pending investigation. This is an active investigation led by the Three Affiliated Tribes Detective Division.

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