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## News Release

## WESTPORT POLICE INVESTIGATE UNTIMELY DEATH

Update (7/12/2022) The deceased has been positively identified as Joanna Smith from Stratford, CT. As stated earlier, the matter remains under investigation, but no foul play is suspected.

(Westport, CT 7/11/2022) On July 10, 2022, at approximately 8:40 p.m., Westport Police officers responded to the parking lot of 40 Jesup Road on a report that a car was running, and it appeared that a person was lying in the backseat. The first arriving officers determined that the occupant was not responsive. Westport EMS also responded to the scene. Lifesaving efforts were attempted, but unfortunately the party was pronounced deceased. The deceased was tentatively identified as a thirty-four-year-old female from Stratford, CT.

The Westport Police Department's Detective Bureau will be conducting the investigation into this untimely death. The body was transported to the Connecticut Medical Examiner's office in Farmington. That agency will determine the cause and manner of death. The investigation is in the early stages, but at this time no foul play is suspected.

The identity of the individual who passed away will not be released until the autopsy is completed and the next of kin have been notified.

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