ST. LOUIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
NEWS RELEASE

INCIDENT DATE: 04/20/2015 INCIDENT TIME: 6:11 PM

INCIDENT LOCATION: Devils Cascade area/Sioux Hustler Hiking Trail in the B.W.C.A.-Approx. 29 miles N.E. of Orr, MN

INDIVIDUAL(S) INVOLVED: (Refer to News Media Policy-Rules III A. 1 Thru 4; Procedures B.1, A thru J & 1; 2b; 3b; g & h; 4a, b, & c)

Name: Adult male	Age: 27	Address: Duluth, MN
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INCIDENT SUMMARY:

On April 20th at approx. 6:11 PM, the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office received a medical emergency call involving a 27 year old male who was in distress. The male was backpacking/hiking the Devils Cascade area/Sioux Hustler Hiking Trail within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area along with two other friends at the time. This area of the B.W.C.A., located near Lower Pawness Lake, is remote wilderness. A Deputy Sheriff along with members of the St. Louis County Volunteer Rescue Squad and 1st Responders responded to the call, however the male was found to have died prior to their arrival on scene. The victim and two other friends had been hiking the Sioux Hustler Tr. since Friday, April 17th. The male victim fell ill during the hike and by Monday, April 20th was unable to continue on, at which time another male in the group hiked out and called for assistance. The cause of death is pending the results of an autopsy, however does not appear suspicious at this time. The incident remains under investigation by the St. Louis Co. Sheriff's Office. The victim's name is being withheld at this time pending the notification of family.

ASSISTING AGENCIES:

St. Louis County Volunteer Rescue Squad, U.S. Forest Service, MN State Patrol, MN Dept. of Natural Resources, Crane Lake 1st Responders and Orr Ambulance

AUTHORITY: Lt. Jason Akerson DATE: 4/21/2015 TIME: 1:30 PM

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR UPDATE:

AUTHORITY: _____ DATE: _____ TIME: _____