

Onondaga County Sheriff's Office News

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Body Discovered in Creek at Onondaga Lake Park

Town of Salina, New York – The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office reports that Sheriff's Deputies are investigating the death of a Liverpool woman that was discovered in a creek last night.

Yesterday evening at approximately 8:20 PM, Onondaga County Park Rangers patrolling the Onondaga Lake Park discovered an unoccupied Mitsubishi Outlander partially submerged in a creek near the Butterfly Garden. Park Rangers requested assistance from the Sheriff's Office, who responded along with members of the Liverpool Fire Department. While searching the immediate area, firefighters entered the 4 feet deep water where they located the body of an adult female under the ice. The female was pulled from the creek and pronounced dead by an AMR paramedic.

Deputies identified the victim as 50 year old Daphne Washburn of Pintail Path, Liverpool. Further investigation by sheriff's deputies determined that Washburn had been traveling northbound on the Onondaga Lake Parkway when she encountered extreme white-out conditions. Washburn's vehicle drifted off the roadway and continued through the Butterfly Garden before entering the ice covered creek. Deputies say Washburn appeared to have exited the vehicle not knowing that she was in the creek and was unable to get out of the water.

Deputies continue to investigate the incident, which is believed to be accidental. The official cause of death will be determined by the Onondaga County Medical Examiner's Office.

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