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MEDIA RELEASE

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(Missing Person Investigation/ Death Investigation)

Detectives are investigating the death of a man found in the north prong of the Wicomico River near Mill Street on Wednesday.

On October 2, 2024, at approximately 3:30 p.m., detectives from the Salisbury Police Department and the Maryland State Police responded to the north prong of the Wicomico River, near the 200 block of Mill Street, to recover the body of a man found deceased in the river.

Detectives have identified the decedent as 42-year-old Joseph Alexis, of Salisbury, who had been reported missing to the Salisbury Police Department on September 30, 2024. Detectives are still investigating how Mr. Alexis entered the water. Mr. Alexis's body was transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Baltimore for an autopsy to determine the cause and manner of death. Foul play is not suspected at this time.

Detectives conducted an extensive investigation, utilizing multiple resources in an effort to locate Mr. Alexis after he was reported missing. These efforts included interviews with known family members and associates, detailed searches of areas Mr. Alexis was known to frequent, as well as various mobile communication inquiries. Throughout the investigation, the Salisbury Police Department worked closely with the Maryland State Police and Mr. Alexis's family, whom was notified once his identification was confirmed.

The Salisbury Police Department would like to thank the Maryland State Police, Salisbury Fire Department, and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for their assistance in this investigation.

Detectives are requesting anyone who may have information regarding this incident to contact the Salisbury Police Department Criminal Investigation Division at (410) 548-3165. Information can also be provided anonymously through Crime Solvers at (410) 548-1776.

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