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McLean County Coroner's Office & Bloomington Police Department

For Immediate Release: February 19, 2026

Death Investigation Update

Bloomington, IL - The Bloomington Police Department and the McLean County Coroner's Office continue to investigate the death of Mariah Kletz. She was pronounced deceased at a residence on Canada Lane on February 7, 2026, by the McLean County Coroner's Office.

This incident is being investigated as a homicide. Preliminary investigation suggests this was an isolated incident, and there is no threat to the public. No additional information is being released at this time.

The circumstances surrounding this incident remain under investigation by the Bloomington Police Department and the McLean County Coroner's Office.

Anyone with information related to this incident is asked to contact Detective Ryan Strebing at 309-434-2537 or Rstrebing@cityblm.org.

If you wish to submit a crime tip and remain anonymous, please contact the Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit (CIAU) at 309-434-2963 or email CIAU@cityblm.org. Tips may also be submitted by texting 847411, then the keyword "BPDTIPS", followed by a space and your tip information.

Please note: The tip line is not monitored 24/7. The CIAU office is staffed Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave a voicemail or submit the information via e-mail.

Previous Release

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Bloomington, IL - On Saturday, February 7, 2026, at 10:46 a.m., Bloomington police officers were dispatched to an address on Canada Lane, for a reported cardiac arrest inside of a residence. Paramedics with the Bloomington Fire Department were also dispatched to the scene.

Upon arrival, officers and paramedics located a juvenile female and initiated life-saving efforts. Despite the efforts, the individual was pronounced deceased at the scene by the McLean County Coroner's Office.

Pronounced deceased at 11:40 a.m., on February 7, 2026, was Mariah Kletz, age 16, of Bloomington, Illinois

Preliminary investigation suggests there is no threat to the public.

The circumstances surrounding this incident remain under investigation by the Bloomington Police Department and the McLean County Coroner's Office. No additional information will be released at this time.

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