



# Allen County Coroner

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PRESS RELEASE  
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To: All Media Outlets  
For Immediate Release

On Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Allen County Coroner's Office was notified of a deceased woman that was found in the wooded area behind the 600 block East Dupont Road, in Fort Wayne. First responders pronounced death at the scene.

The woman was identified as Kathleen F. Petersen, 67, female, White of Fort Wayne.

Notification has been made to the next of kin and an autopsy has been completed. The Cause of Death has been determined to be Hypothermia and the Manner of Death is Pending.

The incident remains under investigation by the Fort Wayne Police Department, the Allen County Prosecutor's Office and the Allen County Coroner's Office.

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