

Hillsdale County Sheriffs Department

Sheriff Stanley Burchardt

Undersheriff Roger Boardman

News Release

July 4, 2016

Complaints: July 3, 2016

Three General Non-Criminal, One Traffic Policing, One Assist to Another Jurisdiction, One Trespass, One Car/Deer, One Public Relations Activity, Two Boat Law Violations, Two Civil Disputes AND One Animal Cruelty.

Lodgings: July 3, 2016

No lodgings.

Accidental Drowning

On July 3, 2016 at approximately 3:20 p.m., the Hillsdale County Sheriff Department was dispatched by Central 911 to the address of 2372 Short St. on Bankers Lake in Cambria Township for a subject that had been swimming in the lake and had not resurfaced. Investigation revealed that Christian Morales, age 16 of Chicago, IL was on a pontoon boat with friends and had jumped into the water. He was unable to get back to the boat safely and subsequently drowned. Morales's body was recovered by Hillsdale County Sheriff Department Dive Team Deputies at approximately 7:45 p.m. Deputies were assisted at the scene by Reading Emergency Unit Ambulance, Fremont, IN Fire and Rescue, Branch County Dive Team, University of Michigan Survival Flight, Somerset Fire and Rescue, Woodbridge Fire and Rescue, Montgomery Fire, the Department of Natural Resources, Pittsford Fire and Rescue AND Hillsdale Township Fire Department.

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