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NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: **UPDATE**

Champaign County Coroner, Stephen E. Thuney, is providing the following update regarding the death of Akul B. Dhawan.

Around 11:00a.m. on Saturday, January 20, 2024, Arrow Ambulance, Urbana Fire Department, and the University of Illinois Police Department were dispatched to a location near the intersection of W. Nevada St. and S. Goodwin Ave. for a report of an unresponsive male on a porch. Akul B. Dhawan, 18-years-of-age, of Champaign, Illinois was pronounced dead at the scene. There was no suspicion of foul play.

An autopsy was performed on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, that confirmed the death of Mr. Dhawan was due to hypothermia. Acute alcohol intoxication and prolonged exposure to extremely cold temperatures, significantly contributed to his death.

Champaign County Coroner Stephen E. Thuney has ruled the death accidental.

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