



Department of Police  
710 Ridge Road  
Wilmette, Illinois, 60091

**Date:** August 9, 2023  
Time 7:00PM

**From the Office of:**  
Kyle Murphy, Chief of Police

**PRESS RELEASE**  
Death Investigation

On Wednesday August 9, 2023, at 5:11PM, the Wilmette Police and Fire Departments responded to Gillson Park for the report of a body in Lake Michigan. Approximately 50-100 yards offshore a paddleboarder observed a body in the water. The decedent was recovered by personnel from the Wilmette, Evanston, and Winnetka Fire Departments.

Preliminary investigation indicates the decedent was not in the water for a prolonged period of time and there were no obvious signs of trauma. The decedent was a 56-year-old male resident of Wilmette.

Wilmette Police Investigators are working with the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office on the investigation.