

RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
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PRESS RELEASE

Richland County Sheriff Darrell Berglin says his department is nearing the end of their preliminary investigation into the death of a 53 year old Lone Rock man found dead in the snow outside his residence early Tuesday morning. According to the sheriff, after evaluating the information in the case so far, and after reviewing reports of the autopsy performed Wednesday morning, the death of Richard Calandra is not considered a homicide and that no other person was present at the scene at the time his death.

Berglin said that Calandra had been drinking alcohol all day Monday and was extremely intoxicated when he left a Lone Rock Tavern about 8:30pm Monday night. According to Berglin a witness saw the intoxicated Calandra crawling alone on the sidewalk towards his residence and another witness saw him leaning against his house at about 10:30pm.

Berglin said that Calandra had repeatedly attempted to gain entry into his locked residence however he was unable to do so. The sheriff said that evidence at the scene along with the newly fallen snow indicated to him that Calandra was alone at the time of his death and the autopsy confirmed that the victim did not suffer any external or internal injuries at the hands of another person.

Berglin said he and his department appreciated the assistance of the State of Wisconsin Crime Lab personnel and agents of the Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation on the case.