



## **MEDIA ALERT**

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## **ANTONIO MONSERRATE ROCHE IDENTIFIED AS PERSON FOUND IN POKEGAMA LAKE**

LAC du FLAMBEAU – Tribal Police today confirmed Antonio Monserrate Roche is the man found deceased last week in Pokegama Lake. Once the Medical Examiner’s office determines official cause of death, the Tribal Police Department will issue an update.

“It appears no suspicious circumstances exist at this time but we will wait for the final determination by the Medical Examiner before we announce cause of death,” LDF Tribal Police Chief Bob Brandenburg says. “We are awaiting the results of toxicology tests, which are conducted as part of every autopsy.”

### **Tribal President Offers Condolences**

“We are deeply saddened by the loss of this young man,” Tribal President Joseph Wildcat, Sr. says.

“For those who know our Tribe, we are bound together by a common culture that places extraordinary value on community,” Wildcat adds. “Losing this young man tears at the tightly woven fabric of our community. We mourn with the family and loved ones who survive him.”

“Our people are strong and we will support one another in this time of mourning,” Wildcat says. “Eventually we will heal. And with that healing will be a scar. A permanent representation and reminder of a life cut short.”

“This is an extremely trying time for the family,” Wildcat says. “We ask out of respect for them and their loved ones that they receive the space and time they need to grieve.”

“Our Tribe is grateful for the vast number of people, agencies and resources who worked together to locate this young man,” Wildcat says.

### **Tribe Thanks Responders**

We again wish to thank the Tribal Members and Community volunteers for their assistance. In addition, we would like to thank the assisting agencies for their time and efforts: LDF Tribal Police Department, Vilas County Sherriff’s Department, LDF Tribal Emergency Management, Vilas County Emergency Management, Oneida County Dive Team, Wisconsin State Patrol – Aircraft Crew, Wisconsin DNR Wardens, LDF Tribal Conservation Wardens, GLIFWC Wardens, LDF Tribal Natural Resources and Fish Hatchery Staff, LDF Tribal Employees, Vilas County Public Relations, Wisconsin Civil Air Patrol, Newbold Fire Department Search and Rescue, LDF Fire Department and LDF Town Road Crew.

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