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PRESS RELEASE

On Sunday, June 11, 2023, Phillipsburg Police were dispatched to the Delaware River in the area of McKean and Howard Streets for a report of a male who went under water in the river.

Witnesses advised police that the individual, identified as Sandoval Bustamante Ronme, of Phillipsburg, had told witnesses that he would attempt to swim across the river. During the attempt, Mr. Ronme did not resurface. Numerous boats were summoned to the area to assist in the search for Mr. Ronme, which was ultimately successful. Mr. Ronme was pronounced dead shortly after being taken to St. Lukes Hospital in Easton. Follow-up investigation confirmed that there was no foul play involved.

With summer approaching, the Warren County Prosecutor's Office urges the community not to attempt to swim in or across the Delaware River.

Approved by:

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