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FROM: LaSalle County Coroner's Office

On Friday, August 2, 2024, the LaSalle County Coroner's Office was called to 1499 Illinois Rt. 71 for a male, individual who apparently lost his footing and fell into the Illinois River near this address. The Ottawa River Rescue Squad recovered a male decedent near the river's edge. He was identified as 78-year-old, Paul A. Forino, of Ottawa, Illinois.

A forensic investigative autopsy was conducted on Sunday, August 4, 2024, with preliminary results pending.

This incident is under further investigation by the LaSalle County Coroner's Office and LaSalle County Sheriff's Department.

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