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The autopsy has been completed and notification has been made to the next of kin of James W. Hardy, male black 31 years of age of Fort Wayne, Indiana. James W. Hardy, was found in the Maumee River, north of the Anthony Blvd. bridge in Fort Wayne, during the afternoon hours on June 7, 2017. Emergency services responded to the area on a reported body in the river called in by a City of Fort Wayne employee. Emergency services reported to the area and death was pronounced on the scene.

The Fort Wayne Fire Department made the recovery of James W. Hardy. He was taken to the Northeast Indiana Forensic Center for autopsy. This incident under investigation by the Fort Wayne Police Department, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and the Allen County Coroner's Office.

The Cause of Death and the Manner of Death are Pending further investigation.

Michael Burris
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