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11:00 AM

On Friday, December 13, 2013 at approx. 10:01 PM the Knox County Sheriff's Department was requested to respond to 153 Knox Highway 34, Rio, to attempt to locate a John Swanson. The Galesburg Police Department had received information that Mr. Swanson was overdue in returning to his Galesburg residence.

Sheriff's Deputies checked the area of US Highway 150N and Knox Highway 34. It was later determined Mr. Swanson had departed in his truck, pulling his off road Polaris utility Ranger. The truck was later located, unoccupied, at 2464 Knox Road 165E and the Polaris Ranger was missing. The Knox County Sheriff's Department Snowmobile Search and Rescue team was activated. Mr. Swanson was later located by several friends at ½ east of Knox Road 165E and Knox Road 2400N. It is believed that Mr. Swanson was crossing a bridge which led over a creek at which time the utility Ranger went over the side causing the utility Ranger to land on top of Mr. Swanson. No signs of life were found. Knox County Coroner Mark Thomas pronounced Mr. Swanson dead at the scene at 12:15 AM, December 14, 2013.

The victim is a SWANSON, John A., DOB 10/04/49 of Galesburg Illinois. The investigation continues.

