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NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Champaign County Coroner, Stephen E. Thuney, is releasing the following update involving the death of Akul B. Dhawan.

Mr. Dhawan was found deceased on January 20, 2024 in the 1200 Block of West Nevada Street, Urbana, Illinois. Mr. Dhawan had been reported missing to University of Illinois Police just before 1:30 am on January 20, 2024. Mr. Dhawan was found unresponsive later that day around 11:00 AM.

An autopsy was performed today, January 23, 2024, and the preliminary findings showed no evidence of significant trauma. There was evidence of hypothermic skin changes. The final autopsy report is pending toxicology studies.

No further information will be released pending the final determination of the cause and manner of death by the Champaign County Coroner.

This death remains under investigation by the Champaign County Coroner's Office, University of Illinois Police Department, and the Illinois State Police.

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