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NEWS RELEASE

Champaign County Coroner Duane Northrup is releasing information regarding the investigation into the death of 24 year old Ashley C. Gibson, of Urbana, Illinois. The Coroner's Office was contacted at 10:23AM on Sunday, April 24, 2016 by Champaign Police and informed they had discovered human remains in Clinton Lake with assistance from officers from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. At that time, Champaign Police believed the remains could be Ashley Gibson.

Members of the Champaign County Coroner's Office went to Clinton Lake and met with representatives from the Champaign Police Department, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the Illinois State Police Crime Scene Investigation Unit, and the DeWitt County Coroner's Office. Information developed by the Champaign Police Department during their investigation of the

disappearance of Ashley Gibson was consistent with how the remains were discovered, including the fact the remains were suspected to be dismembered. Based on information developed by the Champaign Police Department during their investigation, it was determined Ms. Gibson had died in Champaign County and therefore, the Champaign County Coroner would retain jurisdiction over the dismembered human remains. The human remains were collected from Clinton Lake and brought back to the Champaign County Coroner's Office for an autopsy.

An autopsy was performed this afternoon and a positive identification was made during the autopsy through a tattoo and visual identification. DNA tests may be performed at a later date. Preliminary autopsy results did not reveal any evidence of fatal injuries prior to death. Final autopsy results are pending toxicology test results at this time. This death is under investigation by the Champaign Police Department and the Coroner's Office.

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