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Death investigation underway at Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area

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PALO, Iowa – Two deceased individuals were found inside a parked vehicle at Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area on Friday, July 2, 2021 around 10:45pm, when DNR parks staff were conducting routine patrols.

A DNR Park Ranger noticed a parked car in the first lot on the north side of the dam, an area that closes nightly at 10:30pm, and approached the vehicle. The ranger discovered one male and one female, both deceased, inside the vehicle.

The Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is conducting a death investigation into this incident. Authorities believe this is an isolated incident and do not believe the public is any danger. Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area remains open for visitors and all recreational activities.

The DNR will issue a press release when more information is available.