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McLean County Coroner's Office & Bloomington Police Department

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## *Death Investigation*

Bloomington, IL - On Saturday, February 7, 2026, at 10:46 a.m., Bloomington police officers were dispatched to an address on Canada Lane, for a reported cardiac arrest inside of a residence. Paramedics with the Bloomington Fire Department were also dispatched to the scene.

Upon arrival, officers and paramedics located a juvenile female and initiated life-saving efforts. Despite the efforts, the individual was pronounced deceased at the scene by the McLean County Coroner's Office.

Pronounced deceased at 11:40 a.m., on February 7, 2026, was Mariah Kletz, age 16, of Bloomington, Illinois

Preliminary investigation suggests there is no threat to the public.

The circumstances surrounding this incident remain under investigation by the Bloomington Police Department and the McLean County Coroner's Office. No additional information will be released at this time.

Anyone with information related to this incident is asked to contact Detective Ryan Strebing at 309-434-2537 or [Rstrebing@cityblm.org](mailto:Rstrebing@cityblm.org).

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If you wish to submit a crime tip and remain anonymous, please contact the Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit (CIAU) at 309-434-2963 or email [CIAU@cityblm.org](mailto:CIAU@cityblm.org). You can also text the number 847411 by texting the word "BPDTIPS", then a space, followed by your tip information.

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