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**City of Asheville**  
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### **APD Seeks Assistance in Suspicious Death**

**(ASHEVILLE, N.C. – August 30, 2017) – On Saturday, August 19th, 2017; at approximately 1:56 AM, the Asheville Police Department responded to a person down on Tunnel Rd. under the I240 overpass between S. Tunnel Rd and Crockett Ave.**

**Upon arrival, Officers located Ryan Michael Rast who had apparently been the victim of serious traumatic injuries. The Asheville Police Department in cooperation with the N.C. Office of the Medical Examiner are still looking into the circumstances of this death.**

**We encourage anyone with additional information on this incident to please contact the Asheville Police Department at 828-252-1110 or CrimeStoppers at 828-255-5050.**

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**For more information, please contact:**

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