Joint Statement

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UPDATE

FORMER KANE COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK TOM HARTWELL FOUND DEAD

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Thomas M. Hartwell was found dead this morning at his Palatine office by police conducting a well-being check. He was 63 years old.

Today at approximately 9:30 a.m., Kane County Sheriff's deputies responded to Hartwell's residence on Gingerwood Lane in Elgin Township for a report of a missing adult. Deputies met with a family member who reported that Hartwell, former Kane County Circuit Court Clerk, of the same address, had been missing for approximately 24 hours.

Kane County Sheriff's deputies then asked Palatine police to check Mr. Hartwell's law office in their city.

Deputies learned a short time later that Palatine police discovered Mr. Hartwell deceased in his office space. The investigation continues. The cause of death at this time is unknown.

State's Attorney Jamie Mosser and Sheriff Ron Hain extend their condolences to Mr. Hartwell's family and friends.

State's Attorney Mosser and Sheriff Hain have no additional comment.