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Lightning Strike

2000 blk of Golf Rd

WAUKESHA, Wis. - At approximately 7:43 p.m. on Wednesday April 15th, 2026, emergency responders were dispatched to a report of a man down at a business located in the 2000 block of Golf Road. The caller reported an adult male on the ground and was unsure if he was breathing. At the time, the area was experiencing heavy rainfall accompanied by significant thunder and lightning.

Upon arrival, officers located an adult male in his 40s who was unresponsive. Police and Fire personnel began life saving efforts. Shortly thereafter, information was provided that the individual may have been struck by lightning. He was transported to a local hospital, where he later passed away as a result of his injuries.

Preliminary information indicates the individual was struck by lightning while walking through the parking lot during the storm. Witnesses and physical evidence observed at the scene were consistent with a lightning strike. We are working with the Medical Examiner to determine positive identification, manner and cause of death. We believe the victim is not from the State of Wisconsin.

This is a tragic and rare event. Our thoughts are with the individual's family and loved ones during this difficult time.

No further information is available at this time.

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