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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Missing person found**

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI – On April 6, 2021, at about 10 a.m., officers were called to the waterfront along the East Bay bike path just south of the Squantum Club for a possible body along the waterline. A female party walking on a path just off the bike path had located a body on the beach area below.

Officers and detectives arrived on scene and verified the presence of a body on the shoreline. Officers were able to descend down to the shoreline and view the body. A visible tattoo on the left upper arm was similar to that of a missing person who fell into the water at the East Providence Yacht Club on or about March 5, 2021.

A family member was able to positively identify the deceased as Dennis Lonardo Sr., who was the reported missing person from March 5, 2021. An extensive search for Mr. Lonardo over the ensuing days were negative at that time.

An investigator from the Rhode Island Medical Examiner's Office responded to the scene and removed the body from the shoreline. The cause of death is still under investigation by the Rhode Island Medical Examiner's Office.