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**Coroner: Iowa City woman died of multiple injuries**

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IOWA CITY - Laura Van Wyhe died of multiple trauma, a preliminary report from the Adams County, Ill., coroner shows. Coroner Chris Boyer said Van Wyhe, whose body was found along a northern Missouri highway early last Saturday, suffered multiple injuries throughout her body. Those injuries were consistent with being struck by a vehicle, he said.

Boyer said a final autopsy report could take three weeks.

A truck driver found Van Wyhe, 21, of 1026 E. Washington St., Iowa City, on the shoulder of Highway 136 near Kahoka, Mo., around 1:50 a.m. Saturday. She died about three hours later at a Quincy, Ill., hospital.

Trooper Bruce Clemonds of the Missouri Highway Patrol said Wednesday that about 30 people have called with information they hope will solve the mystery surrounding Van Wyhe's death.

Most of the calls have been from motorists who traveled the area where Van Wyhe was found, Clemonds said. A little more than half the calls have yielded useful information, Clemonds said. He would not elaborate on that information.

Earlier reports indicated Van Wyhe and her 14-month-old son Samson had arrived Friday about 8 p.m. in Bonaparte to visit Rebecca Reynolds Knight, Samson's paternal grandmother.

Clemonds said apparently Van Wyhe left Bonaparte with some Kahoka friends later Friday or early Saturday. He said he interviewed those people but wouldn't say what they said. They have not been named as suspects, he said.

Reynolds Knight, mother of Samson's father, Donald Knight III of Iowa City, said she and her family are praying the mystery will be solved soon and assisting in the investigation in any way possible.

"It's incredible dealing with the kind of investigation a homicide brings up," she said. "It's a terrible tragedy."