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PRESS RELEASE

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A 17 yr old Rockford girl, Brianna Coon, died earlier tonight when her car went off a rural Putnam County road and into a pond. Coon was traveling east on cr. P, just North of Ottoville, when she lost control and slid off the left side of the road and into an adjacent pond. Coon was able to dial 911 at about 11:03 PM, and the call was intercepted by Van Wert Co 911 Center who began then to trace the location of her phone. Co-ordinates revealed she was North of the village of Ottoville, in which Putnam Co. Deputies and the Ohio State Patrol began a search of the area looking for the car. Tracks were seen leading to the Pond and Putnam Co. Sheriff's Dive Team then responded.

With the assistance of the Ottoville Fire Dept, Divers were able to locate the vehicle with Coon inside. Putnam County Coroner, Anne Horstman pronounced Coon dead at the scene. Accident remains under investigation by the Ohio Highway patrol.

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