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Man's death thought not to be suicide, coroner says

ROSSVILLE—A Hoopeston man who died after being struck by a train on Thursday was not trying to commit suicide, according to Peggy Johnson, Vermilion County coroner.

Johnson said Mr. Rutledge had been walking from one friend's house on the east side of the CSX tracks to where he had been staying on the other side of the tracks. Just before the accident, he was sitting on the east side of the tracks and appeared to be deep in thought. The sound of the train horn startled him, he looked at the train, and, according to the videotape from the train's lead, engine, tried to jump out of the train's path. "It was

definitely not a suicide," she said.

Preliminary autopsy results show Mr. Rutledge died from multiple injuries from being struck by the train on the tracks, Johnson said. A toxicology report is still pending.

The accident occurred early Thursday morning near Green Street. Mr. Rutledge was pronounced dead at 3:05 a.m.

Funeral arrangements for Mr. Rutledge are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Johnson's office and Rossville Police are investigating the accident.

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Police News



Ihor Daliba, 43, of Chicago, was ticketed after an accident at 6:17 a.m. Thursday at West Washington and South Third Avenue. He was cited for improper turn and failure to stop and give information after striking unattended property after he allegedly hit a Hoopeston street sign with a 2006 Kenworth semi.

Police said Daliba left the scene, going to Hoopeston Foods to unload cargo.

William H. Clingenpeel Jr., 34, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 1:35 p.m. Friday at the police station in connection with a domestic battery that occurred August 8 in the 700 block of South Sixth Avenue.

Clingenpeel was charged with domestic battery and taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Robert Wood, 35, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 11 p.m. Friday at Blue Moon Saloon, 306 E. Main. He was charged with criminal damage to auto on a complaint from a 32-year-old Hoopeston woman who alleged Wood cut a large hole through her vehicle's convertible top.

Wood was released on \$100 bond.

Dennis Hagerty, 26, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 11:04 p.m. Friday at Blue Moon

Saloon, 306 E. Main. He was charged with battery on a complaint from a 35-year-old Hoopeston man.

Hagerty was released on \$100 cash bond.

Joshua J. Edwards, 33, of Plainfield, was arrested after an incident at 1:17 a.m. Sunday in the 300 block of East Main.

Police said officers tried to make a traffic stop on Edwards, who fled northbound on Fourth Street, turned west on East Honeywell, northbound on North Market to County Line Road. He then went eastbound for about two miles before stopping and surrendering to police.

Edwards was arrested on preliminary charges of fleeing and eluding a police officer, driving on revocation, improper lane usage, speeding, disobeying a stop sign and failure to use headlights.

Additionally, he was wanted on Vermilion County traffic and misdemeanor warrants

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