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## Body of woman found in Fairfield identified: Medical examiner: Preliminary results from autopsy indicate suicide

Scott Niles  
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Sep. 17--FAIRFIELD -- The Iowa State Medical Examiners office has identified the body that was discovered along the railroad tracks in Fairfield over the weekend.

Through fingerprints, the body was found to be that of Nicole Michelle Rowe, 20, Fairfield.

Iowa State Medical Examiner's Forensics Director John Kraemer told the Courier Tuesday that preliminary results indicated that the cause of death was multiple blunt force injuries concurrent with that of being hit by a passing train.

"Preliminary results from the autopsy have also shown that the manner of death [was] that of suicide," Kraemer said.

He said it is unclear whether Rowe was under the influence of alcohol or any other drugs and toxicology results would take about two weeks to complete.

The incident occurred around midnight Saturday when a phone call was made to the Fairfield Police Department saying that there was a female's body along the railroad tracks on the east side of D Street in Fairfield.

Jefferson County Attorney Tim Dille said previously that the police believe the call came from someone on the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad train.

Officers then responded to the scene and found the body of Rowe.

The matter remains under investigation and is being handled through the Fairfield Police Department, the Jefferson County Medical Examiner



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Investigator Mark Hagist, the Iowa State Medical Examiner's Office, the Division of Criminal Investigation and the agents of the Burlington Northern Sante Fe Railroad.

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