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For Immediate Release:

Charlotte, NY (February 15, 2018) – At approximately 9:50 a.m. divers with the Monroe County Sheriff's SCUBA team, with the assistance of Rochester Police SCUBA and the U.S. Customs Enforcement Marine Unit, recovered a 2017 white KIA Sorrento, license plate "BLUSTERY," from the Genesee River near Pelican's Nest Restaurant in Charlotte.

Upon raising the vehicle out of the mud and murky waters of the river, divers also recovered two bodies located inside the vehicle. The bodies have not been positively identified pending autopsies by the Monroe County Medical Examiner.

Divers searched the river using side scan sonar technology in hopes of locating missing Perinton couple Robert and Mary Ross. Robert Ross was reported missing after failing to show up for several doctors' appointments. He last attended an appointment on January 30, 2018. Mary Ross last spoke to her son on January 29, 2018. Investigators determined Mary's cell phone last pinged in the area of the boat launch in Charlotte on January 31, 2018.

"Thank you to the brave men and women of our SCUBA team and partnering agencies, including the Rochester Police Department SCUBA team and U.S. Customs Enforcement Marine Unit, for risking entry into the Genesee River during an extensive search and recovery effort," said Sheriff Todd Baxter. *"Although no positive identification has been made, our office extends its condolences to the family members of those recovered from the river."*

If anyone has any information pertaining to this investigation, please call 911.

The investigation is ongoing. There are no further updates. MCSO will provide updates as information warrants.



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