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### **ILLINOIS STATE POLICE STILL SEEKING THE PUBLIC'S HELP IN MACON COUNTY HOMICIDE**

**DECATUR** – The Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) Zone 5 requests the public's assistance with the death investigation of 51-year-old James E. Taylor of Decatur, IL.

On May 19, 2023, Taylor was found deceased in a rural area near his home. He was reported missing on May 12, 2023, to the Decatur Police Department and was last seen alive on May 10, 2023, at approximately 6 p.m. ISP agents are investigating the death as a homicide.

Decatur Crime Stoppers is offering up to \$2500.00 for information regarding Taylor's death. Please contact Crime Stoppers at (217) 423-8477 or visit their website at <https://www.maconcountycrimestoppers.com/>. You may also contact ISP DCI Zone 5 through the tip line at (217) 278-5004, or by email at [ISP.Zone.5.Investigations@Illinois.gov](mailto:ISP.Zone.5.Investigations@Illinois.gov). Witnesses can remain anonymous.

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