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ATTACKS ON LANSING RIVER TRAIL

The Lansing River Trail near where Louis Woodruff, Robert Smith and Gino Chouinard were found critically injured in the 300 block of East Oakland Avenue.
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4 men have died violently on the trail in the past 11 months. And families want answers.

‘I’m really concerned for the community’

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LANSING — People who are homeless have died violently along the Lansing River Trail in north Lansing in the last 11 months, and at least some of their families are concerned the problem isn’t getting the attention it deserves.

Since last October, at least four people who were homeless have died from apparent violence, three of them from head trauma. Police have done little to publicize the incidents.

On Thursday, Sept. 17, Lansing police said they couldn’t provide specific answers to some questions about the deaths because they remain under investigation.

Asked whether there are any other incidents, such as deaths or non-fatal assaults fitting the same pattern, a spokesperson for the department provided this response:

“We are aware of other information that detectives are investigating, but we’re not able to provide any specifics at this time to maintain the integrity of the investigation.”

“As a prosecutor, it’s certainly concerning that we’ve had four suspicious deaths.”

John Dewane Ingham County Prosecutor

She said LPD is looking into whether there may be any connection between the incidents.

Lansing Mayor Andy Schor did not respond to a request for comment on Sept. 17.

All of the victims were homeless, and all of the incidents occurred in the same general area along the river trail in north Lansing.

A former star athlete

Gino Chouinard, 54, a former star athlete at Sexton High School, was found unconscious along the river trail on Oct. 14, 2025, and died 13 days later, according to police and

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Louis Woodruff was among the victims who died violently along the Lansing River Trail.
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In DC and Lansing, AI regulation progress has been slow

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Executives of the country’s leading artificial intelligence companies are calling for added guardrails and regulations as AI platforms and models continue to increase capabilities but, so far, governments in Washington DC and in Lansing have been slow to act on the issue.

And absent a clear federal standard for AI regulation, it’s not clear companies will heed their own calls for a slowdown in development or follow inconsistent rules across states, researchers and advocates say.

Although more members of Congress are calling for some sort of framework, President Donald Trump has been cool to the idea of any AI regulation. In a

Sept. 14 social media post, Trump said there’s already enough regulatory power over AI companies in place and calls for more were part of a “conspiracy going on against AI and data centers.”

Michigan does have some a few laws on the books settings rules on how AI can be used but leaving AI policy to the states has created an inconsistent network of oversight, said Anjana Susarla, a professor and Director of the Center

for Ethical and Socially Responsible Leadership at Michigan State University.

“It’s much better for companies to have a very unified system. They can’t do this state-by-state compliance,” Susarla said. “This kind of patchwork of AI laws is also a compliance nightmare for companies.”

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