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UNH Statement on Death of Elizabeth 'Lizzi' Marriott

University officials were deeply saddened to learn of the murder of 19-year-old Elizabeth “Lizzi” Marriott, a sophomore in the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture at the University of New Hampshire, who had been missing since Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2012. Marriott, who was residing with family in Chester while commuting to UNH, was studying marine biology. She was in her first semester at UNH.

“We were greatly saddened to learn of Lizzi’s death and we extend our deepest sympathies to her family and friends,” said UNH President Mark W. Huddleston. “Lizzi was a new member of the university community and will be missed in our classrooms. Our focus now will be on supporting our campus community during this difficult time.”

A moment of silence in Lizzi’s honor will be observed at the beginning of tonight’s men’s hockey game.

University officials were also shocked to learn a UNH alum has been charged in connection with Marriott’s death. Seth Mazzaglia graduated in 2006 with a bachelor’s degree in theater.

The UNH counseling staff will be available to students who want to speak with someone. The UNH Counseling Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the week, and 24-hour help is available to anyone by calling 603-862-2090.

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