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PRESS RELEASE

On August 14 2026 at approximately 1:00 p.m., the Norman County Sheriff's Office received a report of a vehicle located in the Red River near Halstad, MN.

Deputies responded to the scene and spoke with the reporting party, who had been kayaking on the river and observed the vehicle 100-200 yards northeast of the Halstad landing.

Deputies launched a boat and located the vehicle completely submerged 4 - 6" under the surface of the water, approximately 100 yards from the landing.

Deputies requested assistance from the MN DNR and Valley Water Rescue to assist in the inspection and removal of the vehicle.

Once the vehicle was removed and upon further investigation, it was determined that the vehicle, a 2009 Honda Pilot, had been reported stolen in 2023. It appeared that the vehicle entered the Red River at the Halstad landing and drifted a short distance before becoming completely submerged at its location. No additional evidence was located in or around the vehicle at the time of removal.

The Norman County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the following individuals and agencies for their assistance in this matter; Valley Water Rescue, MN DNR, Traill County Sheriff's Office and Advanced Towing.

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