

# Vero Beach Man Killed in South Hutchinson Island Paramotor Accident

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Headline: Vero Beach Man Killed in South Hutchinson Island Paramotor Accident

Sheriff Ken Mascara announced that Arthur Levy, 48, of Vero Beach was killed today when his backpack-powered parachute crashed on South Hutchinson Island. A paramotor is a motorized, steerable paraglider, powered by a motor and propeller harnessed to the pilot's back.

According to the Sheriff, the accident occurred shortly after 1 p.m. this afternoon near Middle Cove on South Beach. 9-1-1 was notified at 1:03 p.m. and deputies were on scene by 1:12 p.m. Levy was pronounced deceased at the scene by paramedics.

The investigation into the cause of the accident will be handled by the Sheriff's Office and is ongoing. No further information is available at this time.

## ABOUT THE SHERIFF:

The Florida Constitution establishes the Office of the elected County Sheriff who is responsible for preserving the peace, carrying out the orders of Florida courts and the Board of County Commissioners, and providing deputies at court sessions and meetings of the Board of County Commissioners. The Sheriff is the chief correctional officer of the county. Sheriff Ken J. Mascara is elected by the people of St. Lucie County and is accountable to them.