

# Body Discovered in Burned Car on South Hutchinson Island

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According to Sheriff Ken Mascara, Thursday morning at approximately 12:47 a.m. deputies and fire rescue personnel were called to the area of Blind Creek beach access (5400 block of South Ocean Drive) on South Hutchinson Island for reports of a brush fire.

“When first responders arrived, they found that it was not a brush fire, but in fact a car, fully engulfed in flames,” said Sheriff Ken J. Mascara.

According to the Sheriff, detectives and the State Fire Marshal were called in to conduct an investigation into what kind of car, where it came from and why it might have been burned.

“While conducting their investigation, detectives discovered a body in the back of the car, both the car and body were burned beyond visible recognition,” Mascara said. “The 19th Judicial Circuit Medical Examiner was called to the scene and will rely on dental records to help identify the victim.”

“Out of an abundance of caution, we are at this time treating this as a homicide until evidence proves otherwise,” Mascara said. “If anyone along Seaway Drive or South Ocean Drive has any information they would like to share with detectives, they are asked to call (772) 462-3230 or you can call Treasure Coast Crime Stoppers at 1-800-273-8477.”

An autopsy was conducted today but the results of dental analysis will not be completed until next week. No further information will be released until positive identification of the victim has been determined.

## 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.