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## News Release

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Headline: Sheriff's Office Continues to Investigate Three Deaths

Sheriff Ken Mascara shared that detectives continue to investigate three dead bodies found within a mile of each other on Wednesday, February 28 in the unincorporated area of Port St. Lucie.

“As the investigation has progressed, the timeline for the three incidents has become more defined and we believe these incidents to be connected,” said Sheriff Ken J. Mascara.

According to the Sheriff, at approximately 9:50 a.m., law enforcement and emergency medical personal responded to a single car crash near the intersection of Oleander Avenue and Beach Avenue. A white BMW was found crashed into a drainage swale.

“The driver of the car was transported by EMS to a local hospital where they were pronounced deceased,” Mascara said.

According to the Sheriff, at 9:58 a.m. a landlord entered their rental home at 606 Ash Avenue to check the progress of tenants who were vacating the property and noticed a foul smell and something wrapped in carpet inside the garage. The landlord immediately called 9-1-1 and deputies confirmed the item to be a dead body.

“Through the investigation of the first two incidents, detectives were led to a home at 6816 Shelley Terrace in the Oleander Pines neighborhood,” Mascara said. “After knocking on the door and not receiving an answer, detectives inspected the inside of the home through a window and found a male inside on the floor.”

According to the Sheriff, entry to the home was made and detective found the man to be deceased.

“Search warrants were executed last night on the two homes and car and additional search warrants are being written to further the investigation,” Mascara said. “The

autopsies of all three bodies are also being conducted today to determine the manner and time of death.”

According to the Sheriff, the names of the victims will not be released until proper next of kin notification can be made.

“Our detectives have not made contact with the next of kin and it our agency’s responsibility to do so before publicly naming these individuals,” Mascara said. “It is also our belief that there is no cause for concern in our community or this specific neighborhood.”

If you live in or around these homes and saw or heard something out of the ordinary, please contact detectives at (772) 462-3230 or CrimeStoppers at (800) 273-TIPS.

Due to the active investigation, no further information will be released 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.