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Headline: Sheriff's Office Releases Names of Oleander Area Deaths

Sheriff Ken Mascara released the names and identities of the three bodies found last Wednesday in the unincorporated area of Port St. Lucie off Oleander Avenue.

As previously reported, at approximately 9:50 a.m. on Wednesday, 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," said Sheriff Ken J. Mascara. "The driver of the car was identified as 61-year-old Melvin "Chip" Anderson."

Anderson was transported by EMS to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

According to the Sheriff, an autopsy has preliminarily concluded the cause of death to be from natural causes, with a definitive cause of death pending the results of toxicology screenings.

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.

"It was later identified as 56-year-old Gabriele Reusch Legg," Mascara said. "Legg is Anderson's aunt by marriage and they both lived in the home at 606 Ash Avenue."

According to the Sheriff, through the investigation of the first two incidents, detectives determined the car that Anderson was found in was registered to a home at 6816 Shelley Terrace in the Oleander Pines neighborhood.

“Detectives went to that home to make contact with the owner and after knocking on the door and not receiving an answer, inspected the inside of the home through a window and found a male inside on the floor,” Mascara said. “Entry to the home was made and detectives found 70-year-old Gary Boice deceased.”

According to the Sheriff, Gary Boice and Gabriele Legg were in a relationship together and she was in the process of moving into Boice’s home.

“Neighbors have told us that in the days leading up to finding Gabriele’s body, Chip Anderson was seen selling and giving away furniture and home goods from the house on Ash Avenue,” Mascara said. “And this is where we continue to ask for our community’s help. If you purchased or received anything from Chip, please call our detectives at 772-462-3230. Also, if you recognize Chip Anderson as someone who you recently had a business or personal interaction with, we would ask you to also call our detectives at 772-462-3230.

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.