

FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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HOMICIDE

On June 28th, 2011, at approximately 1:29 P.M., the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, along with members of Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue, responded to the call of a deceased male at 101 Coconut Drive in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Upon arrival, they located the victim, Ronald Charles Vinci, W/M, 8/16/40, deceased inside of his residence at 101 Coconut Drive. The victim was found on the floor wrapped in bedding and plastic bags.

On June 29th, 2011, The Broward County Medical Examiner performed an autopsy on the victim. The Medical Examiner officially ruled the death a Homicide.

Throughout the course of their investigation, detectives learned that the victim had been attempting to end his live-in relationship with the suspect, Catherine Marie Pileggi, W/F, 09/03/56, which eventually resulted in a fatally violent confrontation between Ms. Pileggi and the victim.

On June 30th, 2011, Crime Scene Technicians processed the property of 101 Coconut Drive and located several items linking Ms. Pileggi to the homicide.

On July 5th, 2011, Ms. Pileggi was placed under arrest and charged with First Degree Murder.

The investigation is still on-going. Anyone with information regarding the homicide is urged to contact Detective DeJesus at 954-828-5366, Detective Cabrera at 954-828-5581, or Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.

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Pileggi, Catherine