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**BODY FOUND IN SUBMERGED
VEHICLE**

On Friday, December 16th, 2011, at approximately 1:45 P.M., the Fort Lauderdale Police Department responded to a public boat ramp in the 1800 block of Southeast 15th Street in order to assist Hollywood Police detectives with the investigation of a missing man's whereabouts.

The Hollywood Police Department's investigation involved a missing 52 year old white male who was last seen on Sunday, December 11th, 2011, in the City of Hollywood. The male was reported missing to the Hollywood Police Department on Tuesday, December 13th, 2011.

Following up on the missing man's phone records, Hollywood detectives were able to ascertain that the man made an anonymous emergency 911 call from an unknown location to the Fort Lauderdale Police Department on Sunday, December 11th, at approximately 7:10 P.M. Fort Lauderdale Police records show that officers from the Fort Lauderdale Police Department responded to that anonymous 911 call shortly after it was made, basing their response on a GPS triangulated estimate of the phone's location. The GPS triangulation was relayed as being in the area of the Southeast 15th Street Fisheries, which is approximately 300 yards east of the public boat ramp. At that time, officers checked the area, but were unable to locate any witnesses or persons in need of emergency or police services.

On Friday, December 16th, 2011, at approximately 1:45 P.M., detectives from the Hollywood Police Department informed Fort Lauderdale detectives that the last call made by the missing man was the 911 call to the Fort Lauderdale Police Department. Immediately, Fort Lauderdale Police marine officers checked the waterways surrounding the public boat ramp area. Sonar from one of the Fort Lauderdale Police vessels located an object that appeared to be a vehicle near one of the public boat ramps in the 1800 block of Southeast 15th Street. Fort Lauderdale Police divers entered into the water and were able to locate a white Mercedes Benz convertible, submerged approximately 13 feet below the surface, which was registered to the missing man. After an extensive dive effort, Fort Lauderdale officers were able to extract the vehicle from the water way with the assistance of a crane.

A further inspection of the vehicle revealed a body inside, which at this time is believed to be that of the missing man.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that no foul play is suspected in the disappearance or death of the missing man. The man's identity is being withheld until the next of kin is notified and the identity of the body is confirmed by the Medical Examiner's Office.

The investigation is still on going and investigators are urging anyone with further information regarding the incident to contact Detective Jack DiCristofalo at 954-828-6096.

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