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MURDER-SUICIDE

Update (1/26/2012):

Detectives from the Fort Lauderdale Police Department have identified the victim of the murder-suicide as Craig Leggett, W/M, 36 y.o.a., a Fort Lauderdale resident.

Detectives have learned that Leggett was an associate of Schlanger's estranged daughter-in-law. Detectives believe that Schlanger and Leggett had set up a meeting to discuss a prior civil matter regarding the destruction of Leggett's personal property by Schlanger's son.

Leggett agreed to meet Schlanger on January 25th, 2012, in the lobby of the Runaway Bay condominiums, in hopes of reaching a civil agreement for the personal property. During this meeting, an altercation broke out in which Schlanger shot Leggett and then shot himself.

Detectives are still investigating the murder-suicide and are urging anyone with further information regarding the shooting to contact Detective William DeJesus at 954-828-5366.

Original (1/25/2012):

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating a murder-suicide that occurred on January 25th, 2012, at approximately 10:25 A.M. The incident took place in the lobby of the Runaway Bay condominiums located at 1625 Southeast 10th Avenue in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

At approximately 10:27 A.M. on January 25th, 2012, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department received an emergency call regarding a possible shooting in the lobby of the Runaway Bay condominiums. Officers arrived shortly thereafter and as they exited their vehicles and approached the glass enclosed lobby, they witnessed a white male shoot himself.

Officers quickly entered into the lobby and located another deceased white male slumped over in a chair.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that a 36 year old white male was shot by Gene Schlanger, 73 y.o.a., W/M, a resident of the condominium complex. Schlanger then shot himself as Fort Lauderdale Police Officers approached the lobby.

The victim is believed to have been known by Schlanger, but their relationship is still under investigation. Detectives are investigating this incident as a murder-suicide.

The victim was pronounced deceased on scene and Schlanger was transported to Broward General Medical Center where he was later pronounced deceased.

The apparent murder-suicide is still under active investigation. Investigators are urging anyone with further information regarding the shooting to contact Detective Juan Cabrera at 954-828-5581 or Detective William DeJesus at 954-828-5366.

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