

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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BODY FOUND IN MIDDLE RIVER WATERWAY

UPDATE(3) 01.08.15

Homicide Detectives have identified an additional suspect involved in this case. This suspect has been identified as Brian Rhoomes, B/M, 08/07/94.

At approximately 9:15 A.M., the Fort Lauderdale Police Department Career Criminal Unit, in conjunction with the U.S. Marshals South Florida Fugitive Task Force, located Rhoomes in the City of Miami. Rhoomes, a transient resident of the City of Fort Lauderdale, was taken into custody and charged with one count of murder.

Anyone who has any further information regarding this incident is urged to contact Detective Jim Jaggers at 954-828-5970 or the Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-8477 (TIPS).

UPDATE(2) 01.07.15

Homicide Detectives identified two additional suspects involved in this case and have charged both of them with one count of murder. Those suspects are Debraysia Fulton, B/F, 06/19/97 and Jean Cyma, B/M, 02/18/95, both residents of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

UPDATE(1) 01.06.15

The Broward County Medical Examiner's Office has ruled the manner of this death as a homicide.

The male victim has been identified as Jerome P. Harte, W/M, 05/29/54. Harte was a transient resident of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Detectives from the Fort Lauderdale Police Department Homicide Unit have charged David Harrison, B/M, 10/03/90 and Ashley Barrientos, W/F, 11/19/90, both transient residents of the City of Fort Lauderdale, with Harte's death.

During this investigation detectives have learned that Harrison and Barrientos had an ongoing dispute with Harte and have made threats towards him prior to this incident.

Detectives do not believe that Harte was targeted due to his homeless lifestyle.

ORIGINAL 01.05.15

On January 5th, at approximately 7:00 A.M., the Fort Lauderdale Police Department received a call regarding an adult male who was floating in the Middle River waterway, inside George English Park. The park is located in the 1100 block of Bayview Drive in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Officers responded to the scene and the deceased male was removed from the waterway.

The circumstances surrounding this death investigation are unknown at this time.

This is an active and ongoing investigation.

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