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HOMICIDE

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UPDATE 3:

A photo of Jason Hartley is on page two. The original date that Neica Gibbs was reported missing was on June 29, 2008. On that date a missing person report was initiated and she was entered into NCIC/FCIC as a runaway.

UPDATE 2:

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department has made an arrest in the homicide of Neica Gibbs. The Fort Lauderdale Police Department has arrested Jason Hartley, W/M, 04/14/1993, a Fort Lauderdale resident. Hartley has been charged with one count of Homicide.

Neica Gibbs and Jason Hartley were acquaintances from the area where Gibbs was located. Investigation has revealed that on June 28, 2008, Gibbs was inside of Hartley's residence. The two became involved in a verbal and physical altercation. The altercation resulted in the death of Gibbs. Hartley then removed Gibbs body from his residence and placed it behind the dumpster where it was located on July 22, 2008. The investigation is on-going.

UPDATE:

The victim has been identified as Neica Marie Gibbs, B/F, 12/24/1994, a Fort Lauderdale resident. Neica Gibbs was reported missing approximately three weeks ago. This case has been under an active investigation and investigators have remained in close contact with the family. The manner of death at this time has not been revealed. This case is on-going and is being worked by Fort Lauderdale Police Homicide Detectives. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Detective John Curcio at 954-828-5529, Detective Mark Breen at 954-828-5708, or Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.

ORIGINAL:

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating an unknown death. On July 22, 2008 at approximately 6:47 PM a call was received that there was a body lying on the ground in the 2700 block Southwest 6 Drive. Officers were dispatched to the location and discovered a body.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that the body was lying in front of a garbage dumpster. The body appears to have been at this location for an extended period of time. The body was actually located at Southwest 28 Avenue and Southwest 6 Drive. Homicide and Crime Scene Detectives are on-scene and this investigation is continuing.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is urging anyone with information regarding this death or who may have witnessed something suspicious at this location to please contact the Fort Lauderdale Police Department at 954-828-5700 or Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.



Neica Marie Gibbs



Jason Hartley

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