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Update re. Suspicious Death from Lake Maggiore

Victim: Stacia Kay Berman W/F, 3/12/69, Her last known address in August of 2011 was 424 2nd Street North in St. Petersburg

Detectives have identified the body recovered from Lake Maggiore on Christmas Day as that of Stacia Berman.

The Medical Examiner's Office has determined that the cause of death is the result of blunt force trauma to the upper body. Consequently the case will be classified as a homicide.

Homicide detectives are asking anyone with information regarding Berman to contact 727-893-7780 or the TIP line at 727-892-5000.

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Suspicious Death Investigation

My apologies, but this information from Sgt. Skinner of the Homicide Unit should have gone out last night. There is just one update to the below information and that is the victim has been tentatively identified as a 42 year old white female. As of this writing that identification has not yet been confirmed nor her next of kin notified.

Incident: Suspicious Death

Location: 2800 block of 13th Street South

Date / Time of Incident: 12/25/11 @ 1535 Hours

Victim(s): N/A

Arrested: N/A

Charges: N/A

Brief Description of Incident:

On 12/25/11 @ approximately 1535 hours, Officers responded to the 2800 Block of 13th Street South (Northside of Lake Maggiore Park) in reference to a person floating in the water. Upon arrival, Officers located the body of a white female. Medical personnel extracted the female from the water and pronounced her deceased at 1603 hours. The cause and



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manner of death is pending the Medical Examiner's investigation. The investigation is ongoing.

The identity of the victim is unknown at this time. When the victim's identify is known, the next of kin will be notified. After which, the victim's name will be released to the general public.

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