



# St. Petersburg Police Department News Release



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## **Update re. Human Leg Recovered From Bay**

Homicide Detectives have released a few additional details regarding the human leg recovered this morning.

It appears to be a right leg, intact (upper thigh and lower leg) with the foot missing at the ankle. It also appears to that of a heavy set individual, clean shaven, suggesting that it may be of female origin, but that has not yet been confirmed by the Medical Examiner's Office.

There are no distinguishing scare marks or tattoos. Investigators are estimated that the leg had been in the water for no more than one to two days.

Information regarding the victim's possible age, height, sex and manner in which the leg was severed are still awaiting further examination.

Detectives and the Marine Unit will be continuing efforts in the general where the leg was found to look for additional evidence.

Detectives are also asking anyone with information to contact 727-893-7780 or the TIP line at 727-892-5000

Information released by Mike Puetz, 727-893-7550, michael.puetz@stpete.org

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Human Leg Recovered From Bay

At about 7:40 a.m. this morning, officers responded to 6990 4th Street South in St. Petersburg regarding a report of a severed human leg which had washed up from the bay behind the residence at that location.

Homicide investigators responded to the scene and have confirmed the leg is apparent that of a human. It was discovered by members of the family staying at house who are here temporarily on vacation.

Personnel from the Medical Examiner's Office have taken custody of the leg for further examination. Were currently have our Marine Unit checking the surround waters for any additional evidence.

Once the Medical Examiner's Office had had an opportunity to conduct further examination and provide additional information as to the race, sex, age and approximate time of death of the victim, we will sent out an update.

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