



Rick Staly, Sheriff

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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **UPDATE: Identity and Cause of Death Determined in Death Investigation at Yacht Harbor Marina**

On Thursday, the District 23 Medical Examiner's Office conducted an autopsy on the body of a woman that was found in the water at Yacht Harbor Marina in Palm Coast. The female has since been positively identified as 22-year-old Alexandra Lawson (DOB 2/3/1997) and notification has been made to her family. The cause of death has been ruled a drowning.

At this time, investigators have been unable to conclusively determine the exact circumstances that caused her to drown and the investigation is still active.

Investigators are asking for anyone who may have any information related to this case or video surveillance in the area to email [tips@flaglersheriff.com](mailto:tips@flaglersheriff.com). The specific timeframe investigators are requesting for video surveillance is from January 6, 2020 at 9:00 pm until January 8, 2020 at 10:00 am. To remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1-888-277-TIPS (8477). You could be eligible for a reward up to \$5,000.00.

"While we have confirmation on the identity and cause of death, this is still the early stages of the investigation," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "This is a tragic situation and our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time."

Additional information will be provided as the investigation continues.

### ***Original News Release below.***

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## **Death Investigation at Yacht Harbor Marina in Palm Coast**

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The Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) is actively investigating a death at Yacht Harbor Marina in Palm Coast. A Deputy was in the area conducting a follow-up from an earlier call and located a deceased adult about 10:15 am in the water. Sheriff Staly was nearby and arrived on the scene minutes later. Deputies, detectives, and crime scene investigators are on scene conducting the investigation.



Chief Sepe, Sheriff Staly, and Chief Bovino with deputies at the scene.

Part of the Yacht Harbor Marina and Yacht Harbor Drive are closed to everyone besides residents and law enforcement.

“We are in the early stages of a death investigation,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “While the investigation is ongoing and we do not have much information to release at this time, I want the community to know that there is no threat or cause for concern.”

This is all of the information available for release at this time. Additional information will be provided as the investigation continues.

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