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FCSO Investigating Body Located at Graham Swamp

On Monday at approximately 7:45 a.m., the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) responded to the area of Graham Swamp located at 1635 Old Kings Road regarding a body found floating in the water. Witnesses advised that they saw the body while they were fishing in the area.

Detectives and Deputies responded to the area and located what appeared to be the body of an African American male. Detectives were not able to immediately identify the male due to the fact that it appeared the body had been in the water for several days.

Based on their preliminary investigation, Detectives believe that the body is likely that of 18-year-old Giovanne Sylvain who was reported missing from his residence in Palm Coast on Sunday, September 27. Detectives have been in contact with Giovanne's family since this morning and they have been cooperative with law enforcement throughout the investigation.

As of this time, Detectives have no reason to believe that foul play was involved but every lead will be investigated. Until Detectives are able to conclusively identify the body, Giovanne Sylvain will remain entered as missing in the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and the Florida Crime Information Center (FCIC).

"This is an ongoing investigation and we will update the community as soon as we can conclusively identify the deceased," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "Until that time we ask for the community's patience while Detectives complete the investigation and keep the Sylvain family in your thoughts and prayers."

If the public has any information regarding the disappearance of Giovanne Sylvain, or the body located in Graham Swamp, please email tips@flaglersheriff.com or contact Flagler County Sheriff's Office at (386) 313-4911.

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