



**Rick Staly, Sheriff**

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# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **A Woman Found Dead, Apparently Beaten by another Resident in Nursing Home**

A homicide investigation is underway after deputies responded to a call around 2 a.m. at the Gold Choice Assisted Living & Memory Care facility on N. Old Kings Road, Palm Coast. The victim was found beaten in the room of another resident, identified as 72-year-old Cliff Mody. Mody admitted to killing the victim.

Facility staff contacted the Sheriff's 9-1-1 Dispatch Center advising that Mody told them he'd beaten a woman to death in his room. Deputies arrived to find the female victim on the bed in the suspect's room with facial injuries, not breathing and unconscious. She was pronounced deceased on the scene by paramedics.

"This is an unfortunate situation for all families involved, especially the victim's," Flagler County Sheriff Rick Staly said. "The Major Case Unit is still working the investigation and charges are pending. This is a very sad outcome for the victim and her family and our thoughts and prayers are with her family."

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office strongly encourages residents to thoroughly investigate any facility entrusted with the care of a family member. Research facilities and professionals by visiting [www.FloridaHealth.gov/licensing-and-regulation](http://www.FloridaHealth.gov/licensing-and-regulation).

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