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Media Release

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UPDATE**

Missing Person Alert Cancelled

At approximately 7:30 pm this evening the body of Lavanette Predelus was found in the C-14 canal. Police, who were still searching the area, were alerted by a member of the channel 10 news crew that a body had surfaced in the area. A preliminary examination of the body did not reveal any sign of trauma and no foul play is suspected. The cause of death appears to be an accidental drowning but police are awaiting results of an autopsy to be performed by the Broward County Medical Examiners Office.

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INCIDENT: The Margate Police are asking the public for help in locating a missing 21 year old female.

Lavanette Predelus, 21, went missing last night when she went outside of her apartment for a walk. At the time, she was wearing a white tank top, pink pajama shorts, and a pink pair of slippers. After Lavanette failed to return, a search was conducted of the immediate area. Lavanette was not located but her pink slippers were found along the bank of the C-14 canal which is close proximity to her apartment.

Lavanette recently moved to the United States from Haiti. She does not speak English and has no known friends in the area.

Lavanette Predelus is 5'05, 110 lbs., with brown eyes and strait black hair. Anyone with information as to her possible whereabouts is requested to call the Margate Police Department at 954-972-7111.