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NATURE OF INCIDENT: Burglary / Animal Abuse (aggravated)

DATE: 09-17-07

CASE NUMBER: 07-046245

PIO: Detective Chip Kolenda (954) 935-5422

INCIDENT: On Friday, 09-14-07, a burglary occurred in the 600 block of SW 50th Ave. The resident, Livia Lopes, reported that she returned home at approximately 9:45 am and observed an unidentified male jumping over her rear fence and fleeing from her back yard. After the subject fled from the scene, the resident found her two dogs deceased in the swimming pool. The dogs, a Siberian Husky and a Belgium Malinois, were taken to Coral Springs Animal Hospital and a necropsy revealed that the cause of death was drowning.

Investigation at the scene revealed that there was an attempted burglary to the residence. Water was found on the floor of the enclosed rear patio presumably left by the subject who is suspected of the drowning the dogs.

The subject, who fled from the residence, is described as a black male in his mid 20's, approximately 5'9" tall with close cropped hair. At the time, he was wearing a white t-shirt and blue jeans. Prior to the incident the subject was observed at a park across the street from the victim's house with another black male. That subject was described as wearing a dark colored t-shirt and also had short hair.

Anyone with information as to this crime is requested to contact the Margate Police Department at (954) 972-7111 or Crime Stoppers at (954) 493-TIPS.