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Death Investigation – Homicide Royal

The Sumter County Sheriff's Office is currently conducting a homicide investigation in the Royal area of Wildwood, Florida. On Saturday, November 9th 2019, at approximately 7:36 a.m., the Sheriff's Office received a call reporting a body in the yard of 9915 CR 231 Wildwood.

Upon the arrival of deputies, they discovered the body of 61-year-old Michael Majed Kotait of Winter Garden. At this time, Kotait 's cause of death has not been confirmed by the medical examiner; however, he is the apparent victim of homicidal violence.

Detectives are working to identify anyone that the victim associated with in the area so that they can establish a motive for his murder. It is unclear at this time, exactly why the victim was in the area.

Just prior to the report of the body being discovered, the Wildwood Police Department was notified of a vehicle submerged in the water at the Lake Deaton Boat Ramp located at 5300 CR 155 Wildwood, Florida. The unoccupied vehicle was a white Honda SUV and registered to the homicide victim Michael Majed Kotait. Wildwood P.D. turned their portion of the investigation over to the Sumter County Sheriff's Office.

Detectives will be following up leads and conducting interviews with associates and potential witnesses as this case is ongoing. Future updates will be issued as new information can be released by investigators.

If anyone has any information regarding this case, please contact the Sumter County Sheriff's Office at 352-793-2621 or to remain anonymous Crimeline at 1-800-423-TIPS (8477).

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