



# CITY OF CLEARWATER

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## **DROWNING VICTIM IDENTIFIED; ALCOHOL BELIEVED TO BE A FACTOR**

**WHO:** Joseph J. Craig (Victim)  
DOB 12-5-74  
Chicago, Ill.

**WHAT:** Drowning

**WHEN:** December 15, 2009  
4:39 p.m.

**WHERE:** Palm Pavilion  
10 Bay Esplanade  
Clearwater, Fla.

**WHY:** The victim had been drinking and decided to go for a swim. When other beachgoers discovered him unresponsive in the water, they brought him to shore and began performing CPR until Clearwater Fire & Rescue arrived. Fire Medics took over medical treatment. The victim was transported to Morton Plant Hospital where he was pronounced. Detectives say there are no suspicious circumstances surrounding the death and believe alcohol was a factor.

