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PROSPECT LAKE DEATHS: TOXICOLOGY SHOWS ALCOHOL AS A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR

Clearwater, Fla. – The Clearwater Police Department has received the Medical Examiner's final report for the deaths of the two brothers found at Prospect Lake Park in downtown Clearwater on October 1, 2009.

According to the report, Moises Hernandez-Ramos' cause of death was determined to be drowning with alcohol being a contributing factor. His blood alcohol level was .242. Raul Hernandez-Ramos's cause of death was determined to be drowning with alcohol and blunt head trauma being contributing factors. His blood alcohol level was .198.

According to the Medical Examiner's office "blunt head trauma" was listed as a contributing factor of Raul's death due to small abrasions and lacerations found on his mouth and cheek area during the autopsy. Raul's injuries were minor and would not have caused his death alone.

Investigators found Raul's clothes on the bank of the pond, along with several empty cans of beer. Moises was fully clothed and did not have any injuries.

The case is classified as a death investigation (not a homicide) due to the absence of evidence of criminal activity or foul play. Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact the Clearwater Police Department Tip Line at 727-562-4422.

Please see release 09-130 for additional details:

<http://www.clearwaterpolice.org/news/pdf/Prospect%20Lake%20Deaths.pdf>

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