



NEWS RELEASE

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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION

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On Thursday, November 26, 2009, at approximately 10:09PM, members of the Jupiter Police Department responded to the residence of 104 Via Veracruz following a 9-1-1 call regarding a possible shooting.

Upon their arrival, officers discovered five shooting victims within the residence. The suspect, Paul Michael Merhige (white/male, 09/10/74), left the residence prior to our arrival. He is operating a 2007 Toyota Camry 4 door, blue in color, bearing Florida license plate W427JT.

At this point of the investigation, Detectives have confirmed four of the victims are deceased. The fifth victim is currently being treated at St. Mary's Hospital.

The four victims have been identified as, Ramone Joseph, Carla Merhige (33 y.o.a.), Lisa Merhige (33 y.o.a.) and McKayla Sitton (6 y.o.a.).

The Jupiter Police Department is currently conducting a street by street assessment and working with multiple agencies in an attempt to locate the suspect. The suspect is considered armed and dangerous. Anyone with information concerning the whereabouts of Paul Michael Merhige is urged to contact the Jupiter Police Department at 561-746-6201.

Additional information concerning this incident will be released as it becomes available.

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