



NEWS RELEASE

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Homicide Update (November 27, 2009 10:15AM)

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Subsequent to interviews of witnesses within the residence, Detectives have learned the following series of events:

During the evening of Thursday, November 26, 2009, the suspect, Paul Michael Merhige, was an invited guest of the residents at 104 Via Veracruz. It was discovered the suspect did in fact have on-going resentment toward several family members within the residence. At some point, the suspect exited the residence and returned a short time later. As he stood inside the residence, he began shooting the victims without warning. He immediately fled the residence in his 2007 Toyota Camry 4-door, blue in color, bearing Florida license plate W427JT.

The suspect is still at large and considered armed and dangerous. The Jupiter Police Department is working with the United States Marshalls utilizing their resources in an attempt to locate the suspect.

We have confirmed the identities of the victims and their relationship to the suspect.

Victim #1 (Deceased): Raymonde Joseph (06/27/33) – Aunt
Victim #2 (Deceased): Carla Merhige (03/29/76) – Sister
Victim #3 (Deceased): Lisa Knight (03/29/76) – Sister
Victim #4 (Deceased): Makayla Sitton (12/06/02) – Cousin
Victim #5 (Injured): Patrick Knight (10/19/72) – Brother-in-Law
Victim #6 (Injured): Clifford Gebara (09/03/57) – Cousin

As a reminder, we are asking the public for their assistance in locating Paul Michael Merhige. If anyone locates the suspect or his vehicle, please contact the Jupiter Police Department (561) 746-6201 or their local law enforcement agency.

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

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