



Press Release

Fernandina Beach Police Department

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Re: Death Investigation

The Fernandina Beach Police Department is currently working a death investigation at 2570 First Avenue.

At 8:13 AM the Fernandina Beach Police Department responded to the report of a deceased male. The victim has now been identified as 21 year old, David Aaron Douglas of Maryville, Tenn. The national media has been reporting that Douglas was a student at the University of Alabama and was a member of the football team. Our agency is referring any questions related to the University to the University of Alabama.

According to witness accounts, the victim reportedly left his friends last night after dinner to go by taxi cab to Jacksonville. While enroute he was apparently contacted by two local women and invited to a party at the First Avenue address. He arrived at the party by cab at approximately 11:00 PM – 11:30 PM and was seen at the residence as late as 2:00 AM.

When the male resident and others woke this morning they found the victim on the second floor balcony apparently deceased. The police and EMS were called and the victim was pronounced dead at the scene.

This investigation is being conducted with all due care. The house and grounds were secured and processed for physical evidence. Cause of death is pending determination by the Medical Examiner's Office.

The Fernandina Beach Police Department is also investigating the possibility of illegal alcohol consumption by some at the party. The police department has a

very proactive policy regarding enforcement of alcohol and narcotics laws, and encourages citizens to call the police department to report house parties of this type. Because these incidents can sometimes result in a variety of negative outcomes, such as violent fights, sexual assault, domestic violence, DUI related traffic crashes, multi-drug toxicity deaths, and vandalism and littering, it is entirely appropriate for police officers to monitor the activity and confirm that no laws are being broken.