



City of Hollywood, Florida

Hollywood Police Department

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MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Death Investigation

Date: September 13, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.
Location: 1200 N. 35th Avenue, Hollywood, Florida

Hollywood, FL - Shortly after 4:00 a.m. Hollywood Police and Hollywood Fire Rescue responded to a call for service at The Rehabilitation Center at Hollywood Hills, 1200 N. 35th Avenue in Hollywood, Florida. This facility is not affiliated with Memorial Healthcare System. Crews found several patients in varying degrees of medical distress and immediately began treatment. Three patients were found deceased in the facility, others in need of immediate transport. Due to conditions in the facility, Hollywood Fire Rescue and Hollywood Police mobilized nine rescue units, in coordination with Memorial Healthcare System, to evacuate all of the remaining patients within the facility. As of 9:30 a.m. all 115 patients from the Rehabilitation Center at Hollywood Hills had been evacuated to area hospitals including Memorial Regional, Memorial Regional Hospital South, Memorial Hospital West, and Memorial Hospital Pembroke. Patients may be transferred to other local hospitals.

At this time, three additional patients have died bring the total number of deaths to six. The causes of the deaths are currently under investigation. The Hollywood Police Department is currently conducting a criminal investigation into this situation to determine the circumstances that led to the patient deaths. State investigators from the Florida Office of the Attorney General are also on scene.

A second adjoining facility, Larkin Community Hospital Behavioral Health Services, is relocating 18 additional patients. These are not medically compromised patients, but due to the investigation were required to be evacuated.

Memorial Healthcare System has set-up a family information line for patient family members seeking an update on the status of their family member. They may call Memorial Hospital at 954-265-1074. Additionally, Hollywood Police are conducting welfare checks on 42 Nursing Home, Assisted Living and Critical Care facilities located in the City.



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North 35th Avenue near Memorial between Taft and Johnson Streets has been closed to through traffic. Additionally, the public is advised that due to the traffic closure and the volume of activity, anyone that does not need to come to Memorial Regional Hospital for treatment or other medical necessity, refrain from doing so.

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