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Hollywood Police Department

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Death Investigation Update #9

Date: November 22, 2017 Update as of 5:00 p.m.

Location: 1200 N. 35th Avenue, Hollywood, Florida

Hollywood, FL – This is an update on the criminal investigation into the circumstances that led to multiple deaths at The Rehabilitation Center at Hollywood Hills at 1200 N. 35th Avenue in Hollywood. In the first few weeks following the evacuation of the facility on September 13th, the Hollywood Police Department released the names of 14 patients whose deaths were included in the criminal investigation of the facility, pending the results of autopsies from the Broward County Medical Examiner’s Office. In late October, Broward County Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Craig Mallak, informed investigators that the death of patient Francesca Andrade was not caused by conditions in the nursing home and should not be linked to the other nursing home deaths under investigation.

Today Dr. Mallak, informed investigators of his findings regarding the cause and manner of death of the patients from The Rehabilitation Center at Hollywood Hills being looked at as part of the death investigation. The Medical Examiner’s office ruled the manner of death of 12 patients from The Rehabilitation Center at Hollywood Hills as homicide with the cause of death attributed to environmental heat exposure. The Hollywood Police Department will focus its ongoing investigation into the following deaths ruled as homicides:

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| 1. Carolyn Eatherly, DOB 8-13-39 | 7. Albertina Vega, DOB 10-10-17 |
| 2. Gail Nova, DOB 2-22-46 | 8. Betty Hibbard, DOB 1-11-33 |
| 3. Estella Hendricks, DOB 1-4-46 | 9. Carlos Canal, DOB 11-4-23 |
| 4. Bobby Owens, DOB 5-16-33 | 10. Martha Murray, DOB 1-10-23 |
| 5. Miguel Franco, DOB 9-5-25 | 11. Dolores Biamonte, DOB 2-25-60 |
| 6. Manuel Mendieta, DOB 8-26-21 | 12. Cecilia Franco, DOB 4-2-27 |

The death that was determined by the Medical Examiner to be the result of causes other than environmental heat exposure, Alice Thomas, is no longer part of the Hollywood Police Department’s criminal investigation.

All released and available public records are on the City of Hollywood and the Police Department’s website:

www.hollywoodfl.org.

There will be no further information provided by the Hollywood Police Department or the Medical Examiner’s Office at this time.

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