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Update re. Drowning at Eckerd College

Victim: Jessica L. Gartenberg, DOB 07/26/1995

Investigators have identified the victim of this afternoons apparent drowning at Eckerd College. Ms. Gartenberg was freshman and resided on campus at the college. She was originally from the St. Louis, Missouri area.

The Medical Examiner’s Office will make a final determination as to the cause of death, but at this time it still appears to be the result of an accidental drowning.

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Previous release

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We are currently investigating a drowning which occurred in intercostals waterway between the Eckerd College campus and Maximo Park. The initial call came in at 2:34 p.m.

According to witnesses the 18 year old victim, who is a student enrolled at Eckerd College, was paddle boarding with friends when she was suddenly discovered lying face down in the water.

She was brought to shore by witnesses and then transported to Bayfront Medical Center where was later pronounced decease.

The victim was not wearing a flotation device and there were no signs of injury.

The victim’s name will be released pending notification of the next of kin.

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