

NEWS RELEASE

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MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT

Date: September 18, 2015

Subject: MAN FOUND LIFELESS ON SIDEWALK



On September 16, 2015 at approximately 3:00 A.M., City of Miami Police officers responded to Northwest 53 Street and Northwest 5 Avenue, after receiving a 911 call that a man laid unresponsive on the sidewalk.

According to the on-scene investigation, the victim was found lifeless on the sidewalk and appeared to have been shot multiple times. Detectives believe that he may have been a victim of a robbery and the incident could have occurred sometime around midnight.

Miami Fire Rescue responded to the scene and pronounced the victim deceased.

The victim has been identified as Jose Ceruto, D.O.B. 12/10/70.

Mr. Ceruto frequented the area and would often assist those less fortunate. He was known for his charitable ways.

A **family plea** will take place today, at **2:00 P.M.**, in the Miami Police Department's Public Information Office located at 400 N.W. 2 Avenue. The Ceruto family will be present to speak with the media.

The investigation continues...

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Miami Police Department's Homicide Unit at (305) 603-6350. Those with information that wish to remain anonymous can contact Miami-Dade Crime Stoppers at (305) 471- TIPS (8477), visit www.crimestoppersmiami.com and select "Give a Tip" or Send a text message to 274637. Enter CSMD followed by the tip information and press send.

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