



NEWS RELEASE

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Date: August 23, 2011
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Murder Investigation

On 08/17/11, Miami Beach Fire Department was called to 973 Bay Drive, Miami Beach, FL in reference to a vehicle fire in which a body was discovered. Miami Beach Police was called and responded to the scene.

Thus far MBPD investigators and the Miami Dade Medical Examiners Officer have classified this investigation as a murder. As of yet investigators have not been able to identify the body found in the vehicle nor have they been able to locate the vehicle's owner.

At this time the owner of the vehicle, 59 Year old Cordell A. Cooper, a Miami Beach resident, as per his roommate a member of the Gay Community and a published free lance writer is missing. Mr. Cooper was last seen on Wednesday, August 17, 2011 in the early morning hours, on foot in the area of the 7300 blk of Collins Avenue.

The vehicle, 1993 Geo Prizm Red in Color, is at the Miami Beach Police Headquarters and will be made available to the media for videoing today.

MBPD is seeking the public's help, anyone with any information about this incident or the whereabouts of Mr. Cooper is asked to contact the Miami Beach Police Department 305.673.7900 or Miami-Dade Crime Stoppers

Where: Miami Beach Police Headquarters
1100 Washington Avenue
Miami Beach, FL

When: Tuesday, August 23, 2011
3:00 p.m.