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WHPD Case #10-6648

On May 10, 2010 at 1:23 P.M. Winter Haven Police were dispatched to Winter Haven Hospital located at 200 Ave. F NE in Winter Haven in reference to a shooting.

Officers arrived and found Patricia Duckworth (w/f, age 76) and Ramon J. Duckworth (w/m, age 77), both apparently killed as a result of gunshot wounds. Patricia Duckworth was a patient at the hospital and Ramon Duckworth, her husband, was visiting. The shooting occurred in room 561 and no other persons are known to have been in the room at the time of the shooting. Detectives have recovered the firearm and this incident is believed to be isolated.

The Duckworth's last known address is:

189 Egret Dr.
Haines City, FL 33844

Detectives and crime scene personnel are currently on-scene and continue to interview staff, collect evidence, and investigate the circumstances of this incident. More detailed information will be released as it becomes available.

All inquiries related to Patricia Duckworth's medical condition, Winter Haven Hospital security, and/or Winter Haven Hospital policies/procedures should be directed to Joel Thomas, Vice President Winter Haven Hospital, at (863) 292-4334.

Anyone with information related to this incident is asked to contact Detective Eric Outlaw at (863) 291-5752.

Anyone with information who wants to remain anonymous and be eligible for a CASH REWARD is asked to call Polk County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-226-TIPS.

In accordance with Florida public records laws, redacted copies of case reports from this incident may be available to the media. Requests for reports should be made through the WHPD records division at (863) 291-5649.

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