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DESTIN DEATH UNDER INVESTIGATION

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office is investigating suspicious circumstances surrounding the death of a Destin resident.

Investigators say a woman discovered the body of 22-year old Cynthia Barrett around 7:30 Thursday morning when she went to a unit at Old Bay Condominiums (251 Mattie Kelly Boulevard) to pick up her son for a court appointment in Walton County.

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office is trying to locate Barrett's boyfriend, 21-year old Matthew Stuart Freeman, for questioning in connection with this case. He's believed to be driving Barrett's 1998 silver Honda Civic, Florida license plate number N405GK, and is also believed to be the last person to see her alive.

No additional details are being released at this time.

The Medical Examiner's Office will conduct an autopsy to determine cause of death.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office at 651-7400 or Emerald Coast Crime Stoppers at 850-863-TIPS.

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