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AUTOPSY REVEALS NO SIGNS OF VIOLENCE IN DESTIN DEATH

Investigators with the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office say an autopsy Friday on the body of 22-year old Cynthia Barrett of Destin did not reveal any signs of violence. Barrett's body was discovered Thursday morning (October 22) in the condo she shared with her boyfriend at 251 Mattie Kelly Boulevard. She had been dead several days and her body was hidden beneath a vanity with a blanket and duct tape used to hide it from view.

Deputies began searching for Barrett's boyfriend, 21-year old Matthew Stuart Freeman, who had disappeared in Barrett's car. However Freeman took his own life sometime Thursday in woods behind Parkwood Estates near Bluewater Bay. Investigators say Freeman left a note stating that he had arrived home three days ago and found Barrett dead in the floor.

A ruling by the Medical Examiner on Barrett's cause of death is now awaiting the results of toxicology tests.

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