

# Sheriff



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**POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION MADE IN CONNECTION WITH BODY FOUND  
IN CHOCTAWHATCHEE BAY**

The District One Medical Examiner's Office has positively identified the male found in waters near Gulf Island National Seashore on Okaloosa Island January 18<sup>th</sup>.

He is identified as Michael Lawrence Holmes, date of birth 02/06/1984, of Fort Walton Beach. The identification was made by dental records obtained from Alabama.

The Medical Examiner's Office is awaiting the results of toxicology reports to help make a final determination on Holmes' manner of death, but did not note any suspicious injuries.

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