



**MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
ROBERT L. CROWDER, SHERIFF**

DETECTIVES CONDUCTING DEATH INVESTIGATION

May 17, 2010—Detectives with the Martin County Sheriff's Office are conducting a death investigation. At approximately 10:47 a.m. neighbors of 1080 NW 16th Street in Stuart, Florida, contacted 911 to report a house fire. Upon arrival deputies observed a deceased female in the front yard of the residence. Neighbors stated that they saw smoke coming from the back porch and entered the home. They observed one occupant in the home and removed her to the front yard area. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Martin County Fire Rescue and the Fire Marshall responded to the scene and are conducting an investigation regarding the cause of the fire. Two cats (one deceased) were removed from the home by Animal Control officers.

Victim has been identified as Emily Peal (W/F, 12-12-79). She was a resident of the home. The Office of the Medical Examiner will determine cause of death.

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