

Suicide by Chemicals on Siesta Key Beach

Method Almost Exactly the Same As Used By Man on Nov. 24

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Siesta Key, FL -- For the second time in about two months, a person has parked a car at Siesta Key Beach, placed a warning note in the window and then committed suicide by exposure to a fatal mix of chemicals inside the car.

Residents of an apartment building near beach access number 8, in the 400 block of Beach Road, were evacuated around 1 p.m. as authorities prepared to open the car and release the chemical contents, a Sarasota Sheriff's spokesperson said.

The green Honda Civic with the person dead inside was discovered just after 11:30 a.m. today.

Sarasota sheriff's officials responded, and then called in hazardous materials experts to attempt to safely open the car and handle any chemicals present. Officials were still on the scene as of 2:15 p.m. and the area around the car was blocked off.

A fire department spokeswoman said the person put a sign in the car to warn anyone approaching that dangerous chemicals were present and to not open the car. The person then committed suicide with the chemicals.

Further details about the person's identity, gender, or the location of the evacuated building were not made available by mid-afternoon.

The suicide method was almost exactly the same as one used by a man on Nov. 24 in the same area of Siesta Key Beach. That man also put a sign in the window warning of chemicals before taking his life with a mix of products around 8:30 a.m. that day.

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