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MISSING PERSON

Update #2 (7/12/2012):

Fort Lauderdale Police Detectives are still investigating the disappearance of Guma Aguiar. The Fort Lauderdale Police Department has worked diligently with the United States Coast Guard in analyzing the GPS data from Guma Aguiar's boat.

After reviewing the GPS data, detectives have found no evidence to suggest the boat ever came to a complete stop in the Atlantic Ocean. The GPS data shows the vessel traveled in a northeast direction from the area of Port Everglades until it was approximately 3.5 nautical miles from the closest shoreline. The top speed of the vessel was approximately 31 miles per hour at 7:35 P.M. At 7:56 P.M., the vessel's GPS data shows an abrupt decrease of speed, slowing down to approximately 0.6 miles per hour, as well as a drastic change in course to head westbound. The boat then drifted westbound with speeds no greater than 3 miles per hour, eventually coming ashore on Fort Lauderdale beach.

Detectives were able to locate a witness, who was out in the Atlantic Ocean during the time when Guma Aguiar left Port Everglades. The witness described the boat as being operated at a high rate of speed and "wave jumping." The witness only observed one person on the vessel and their observations were consistent with the GPS data.

Based upon the witness' statements, as well as the GPS analysis, there is still no evidence at this time to suggest foul play or that anyone else was on the boat with Guma Aguiar.

Detectives are still looking into what transpired prior to Guma boarding his vessel and reviewing any information available. There have been no confirmed sightings of Guma Aguiar since the time of his disappearance. Detectives still consider Guma Aguiar a missing person.

Detectives are urging anyone with further information regarding the disappearance of Guma Aguiar to contact Sergeant Steve Novak at 954-828-5556.

Update (6/22/2012):

After careful review of surveillance footage from the Aguiar residence, detectives now know that Guma boarded his boat on June 19th, 2012, at approximately 6:57 P.M. Based upon the surveillance footage, as well as witness statements, detectives are confident that Guma boarded the vessel by himself and departed from his dock as the sole occupant of the boat.

Detectives are still investigating the circumstances behind why Guma decided to embark into such inclement weather and what happened on the boat leading up to the vessel being beached.

At this time, detectives have not found any evidence suggesting that anyone else was on the boat with Guma at the time of his disappearance. No blood or signs of trauma were found on the vessel after it ran aground on the Fort Lauderdale beach; only Guma's personal belongings were found on the boat when it came ashore.

Fort Lauderdale Police Detectives are working with the United States Coast Guard in analyzing the GPS data from the vessel, as well as Guma's cell phone information.

As of 8:57 P.M. on June 21st, 2012, the United States Coast Guard suspended their search for Guma.

The United States Coast Guard worked alongside members of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Broward County Sheriff's Office and the Fort Lauderdale Police Department to search for Guma Aguiar. Rescue crews saturated a search area of approximately 1,523 square miles, an area roughly the size of the State of Rhode Island.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is still investigating the circumstances behind the disappearance of Guma Aguiar. Fort Lauderdale Police Detectives are urging anyone with further information regarding the disappearance of Guma Aguiar to contact Sergeant Steve Novak at 954-828-5556.

Original (6/20/2012):

On June 20th, 2012, at approximately 1:15 A.M., Fort Lauderdale Police Officers responded to the call of a boat washing ashore in the 300 block of South Atlantic Boulevard in the City of Fort Lauderdale. As officers arrived on scene, they did not find anyone aboard, but did notice that the lights were on and the ignition was running. Officers were able to identify the owner of the vessel, Guma Aguiar, W/M, 5/31/77, a Fort Lauderdale resident.

Officers immediately responded over to Guma Aguiar's address, 1500 Southeast 10th Street in the City of Fort Lauderdale, where they made contact with his wife,

Jamie Aguiar. Jamie told police that she had arrived home in the evening of June 19th, 2012, and believed Guma was in the home office. An employee of the Aguiars told Jamie that Guma went out on his boat around 7:30 P.M., on June 19th, 2012. No one has seen Guma since.

Jamie told officers that she is concerned for her husband's safety.

The United States Coast Guard searched all of the surrounding waterways as Fort Lauderdale Officers scoured the beach on ATVs. There is currently an active search being coordinated between the U.S. Coast Guard, Broward Sheriffs Office and Fort Lauderdale Police Marine Units.

Detectives are considering Guma endangered and are investigating the circumstances behind Guma's disappearance. Anyone with information regarding Guma's disappearance or whereabouts is urged to contact the Fort Lauderdale Police Department at 954-828-5700.



Guma Aguiar
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