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Press Release

Case: Drowning

Location: 8400 Block of Treasure Island Beach

Date and Time: Saturday, October 4, 2014, 2:57 pm

Report Number: TI14-17550

On Saturday, October 4, 2014, at 2:57 pm, Treasure Island police officers responded to a reported drowning on the Treasure Island Beach. Passersby had pulled an unconscious male from the water shortly before officers arrived. Officers rendered life saving measures until emergency medical personnel arrived.

Unfortunately, the victim succumbed as a result of what appears to be a very tragic accident. The 55-year-old man had been swimming in the area with friends shortly before passersby observed his body in the waters just off the beach.

It is unknown if the swimmer experienced a medical problem. The unusually strong rip current may have been a contributing factor as several water rescues had taken place in surrounding communities within hours of this incident.

The Treasure Island Police Department is not releasing the name of the victim until the next of kin has been notified. The Pinellas County Medical Examiner responded to the scene to assist with the investigation. The ME's office will conduct an autopsy to confirm the cause of death.

No other information is available at this time.