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## **CLEARWATER POLICE INVESTIGATE BODY IN STORAGE UNIT**

**WHO:** Ann Bunch (Grandmother/Deceased)  
Clearwater, FL 33763  
1900 - 1995

Bobbie Barnett Hancock (Mother/Deceased)  
Clearwater, Fla.  
1929-2011

Rebecca Ann Fancher (Granddaughter)  
Clearwater, Fla.  
DOB: 5-27-57

**WHAT:** Death Investigation

**WHERE:** U-Stor Self Storage, Unit B-8  
1217 Lakeview Road  
Clearwater, Fla.

**WHEN:** January 26, 2012  
2:05 p.m.

**SUMMARY:** Due to lack of payment, the storage company management took custody of the above listed storage unit for auction. Prior to auction the renter called management and advised that her deceased grandmother's body was stored within the unit. Management contacted CPD and officers checked the storage unit and located skeletal remains in a homemade coffin. The Medical Examiner's Office and Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Forensics responded.

The body had been properly prepared for burial but was improperly disposed. The body was transferred to A Life Tribute. Detectives are





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working to confirm the identity of the body through DNA testing. The granddaughter told detectives she learned of her grandmother's body before her mother died last year. Detectives have confirmed that her mother - Bobbie Barnett Hancock's - body was properly disposed through a funeral home in Alabama.

There was nothing suspicious found in any of the three units rented to the family. At this point, there are no criminal charges and none are anticipated. The investigation continues...

