



# CITY OF CLEARWATER

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## ALCOHOL PLAYS A FACTOR IN WOMAN'S DEATH

**WHO:** Mary Gunner (Victim)  
DOB: 4-21-77  
219 W. Lake Avenue  
Auburndale, Fla.

**WHAT:** Death Investigation

**WHEN:** July 26, 2009  
10:10 p.m.

**WHERE:** Chart House  
850 Bayway Boulevard  
Clearwater, Fla.

**WHY:** Clearwater Police responded to a call for a missing woman at 850 Bayway Boulevard in Clearwater. When the first officer arrived on scene, he noticed a woman floating in the water behind the Chart House. The officer dove into the water in an attempt to get the woman out. The second arriving officer dove in the water to assist. The officers pulled a rubber raft into the water and began performing CPR until Clearwater Fire & Rescue arrived. Paramedics continued efforts to resuscitate the victim, without success. The woman was transported to Morton Plant Hospital where she was pronounced deceased.

The woman was identified as Mary Gunner. According to witnesses, she and a group of friends had been hanging out at the beach, consuming alcohol for most of the day and into the night. The group decided to get a room and stay the night. Gunner insisted on hanging out by the dock. When someone went to check on her at a later time, she was missing.

Detectives say there are no signs of foul play and say alcohol played a factor. They are awaiting toxicology results to determine how much alcohol was in the victim's system. An autopsy is scheduled for today.

