



Collier County Sheriff's Office Special Crimes Bureau Homicide Section

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION - ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY DECEASED

On 07/23/2018 the victim was found deceased in his tent by hikers in Big Cypress National Preserve at Noble's Campground, 5 miles north from the I-75 and 63 MM rest stop in Collier County, Naples, Florida. There was no identification, credit cards or electronic devices found in the tent or around the campsite. Fingerprints have been searched in all available law enforcement databases, results to date are negative.

Victim is entered in NCIC/FCIC, NamUs (namus.gov) NamUs UP 51453 and ViCAP 2018-CLC00002

If you have any information on the identity of this individual or if he matches the description of any missing persons from your jurisdiction please contact—

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Race/Sex : white/male

Age: 35-50 years of age

Height: 5'08"

Weight: 083-lbs

Hair/Beard: Salt & Pepper

Eyes: Blue/Gray

Scars: small faint linear scar on Abdomen

Tattoos: None

Teeth: Excellent Condition

Composite created by Suedadi Posy, FBI



UNIDENTIFIED DECEASED

KNOWN BY TRAIL NAMES:

DENIM or MOSTLY HARMLESS

Alias: Ben Bilemy

Based on a composite of the deceased hiker profiled on the Collier County Sheriff's Office Facebook page, several people have submitted and posted pictures, shown below, taken of the hiker in 2017 and 2018, on the Appalachian Trail, Pinhoti Trail and Florida Trail.



Additional information

The hiker told people he met on the trail that he lived in New York, worked in the tech industry, was only able to hike 10 miles a day, was hiking to Key West, FL

Fellow hikers also said he didn't seem interested in signing in or out on the trail logs.

The hiker worked at hostels /campgrounds in exchange for payment. He used the Alias Ben Bilemy on registration paperwork.

He bought his tent, jacket and trail guide/maps in North Georgia, paid cash.

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