

MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION MEETING Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort 9300 Emerald Coast Parkway Miramar Beach, Florida 32550 May 4, 2018 10:00 AM CDT

The following information was extracted from the minutes of this meeting;

Success Story 17

We recently received a positive hit on one of the many fingerprint cards provided by the District 20 Medical Examiner's Office and Collier County Sheriff's Office. These cases were identified for scrutiny by the use of a data extract of cases in the NAMUS system. The decedent, a migrant farm worker, was initially located in the Immokalee area, where he had been the victim of blunt force trauma later determined to be a homicide. He was transported to Naples Community Hospital where he identified himself as Irraglo Faustino before passing away. That name was later determined to be false.

The Department of Homeland Security's Latent Fingerprint Unit identified the deceased as Fanstin Hidalgo-Castillo, DOB 06/24/1979, a Mexican national. Mr. Hidalgo previously encountered the Border Patrol in 1997 when he was apprehended near the US-Mexico border. He was repatriated to Mexico, but a photo was taken before his return. The name, identifying information, and photograph were provided to the Medical Examiner's Office, who reported that the photo was "exactly the same" as their unidentified decedent.

Unfortunately, no other information about the subject or encounters with him could be located, and no next of kin information was found. Given the previous mention of the name Irraglo Faustino, the subject likely resided in the US using a fictitious identity. This information was passed to the District 20 Medical Examiner's Office and shared with Collier County Sheriff's Office. The Medical Examiner will coordinate with the Mexican Consulate for assistance in notifying Mr. Hidalgo's family or living relatives.