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**Desert Hot Springs Police Department
Death Investigation**

Desert Hot Springs, On Monday February 17, 2020, at approximately 11:01 pm, an officer on routine patrol, observed smoke coming from the 14200 block of Palm Drive in Desert Hot Springs. Upon arrival, the officer discovered a dumpster fire and requested Cal Fire respond to the scene. Fire crews arrived a short time later and extinguished the fire. Once the fire was out, they discovered the remains of a deceased male subject. Initial investigation does not show any signs of foul play however, the death is being treated as a suspicious death at this time and is currently under investigation by DHSPD detectives.

Media Inquiries should be directed to Doria Wilms, Assistant City Manager and Public Information Officer for the City of Desert Hot Springs at (760) 333-0518 or via email at dwilms@cityofdhs.org

Anyone wishing to provide additional information on this case should contact Det. Christopher Tooth with the Desert Hot Springs Police Department at (760) 329-2904 ext: 352 or the Watch Commander, (760) 329-2904 Ext.302. If you wish to remain anonymous you can call Crime Stoppers at (760) 341-STOP.

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