

# Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Press Release

(Title of Crime/Incident) Coroner's Investigation--UPDATE--

**Report Number:** 2016-00698--UPDATE--

**Coroner Number:**

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**Location:** 1200 Block of North Main Street, Fort Bragg CA

**When: Date:** 01-07-2016 **Time:** 11:58 AM

**Victim Info :**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Street Address</b>	<b>City, State</b>
<b>Victim #1:</b>	Anne Nicole Shapiro	33 years		Little River, CA

**Suspect  
Info:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Street Address</b>	<b>City, State</b>
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**Written by:** Lieutenant Shannon Barney

**Synopsis:** On 1-07-2016 around 11:58 AM the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office received several 911 calls regarding a deceased female on the California State Beach, at the south end of the Mackerricher State Park. This area is commonly referred to as the "Haul Road". State Park personnel responded to the area and confirmed there was a deceased female and called for the Coroner to respond.

The State Parks requested assistance from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Detective Unit. During the investigation it was learned a female, 33 years or age, who resides in Little River had been reported missing to the Willits Police Department earlier that morning around 8:00 AM. This person had been experiencing mental health issues and had been staying in the Willits area temporarily.

The investigation confirmed the decedent was indeed the woman reported missing to the Willits Police Department. She had last been seen around 5:30 AM that morning and discovered missing shortly before 8:00 AM.

The decedent's Next of Kin has not been notified so her identity is not being released at this time.

The case is currently under investigation. Anyone with information related to this case is requested to contact the Mendocino County Sheriff's Tip Line at 234-2100.

--UPDATE ON PRESS RELEASE--

The decedent in this case has been identified as 33 year old Anne Nicole Shapiro of Little River CA.

The decedent was last seen on 1-7-16 around 5:00 AM at a residential facility in the 400 Block of South Main Street in Willits. The decedent's body was discovered at 11:58 AM on the beach in the 1200 Block of North Main Street in Fort Bragg CA.

The decedent did not own or possess a vehicle. The Sheriff's Office is requesting the public's assistance in determining how the decedent traveled from Willits to Fort Bragg. Anyone who may have seen or given a ride to the decedent is encouraged to contact the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office. All business owners or private citizens who own a video/still camera surveillance system on a potential route from this area is asked to review their system between these times to see if the decedent was present in the video or pictures.

The decedent's photograph will be available on the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/MendocinoSheriff](http://www.facebook.com/MendocinoSheriff) .

Anyone with information related to this case is requested to contact Detective Wyant at (707)456-3880 or the Mendocino County Sheriff's Tip Line at 234-2100.

**Approved By:** Lieutenant Shannon Barney

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