



## Press Release

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PRESS RELEASE

**Subject :** Death Investigation

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On April 20, 2016, Redondo Beach Police Officers were dispatched to an apartment unit in the 900 block of Esplanade. The Redondo Beach Police received a 9-1-1 call from a friend of the apartment unit resident that the female inside was not breathing. The friend told Redondo Beach Police that the female had not answered her phone in a few days, and went to the location to check on her welfare.

Officers arrived on scene and discovered a deceased female inside the location. There are no indications or signs that the death was a result of foul play. From the preliminary investigation, it appears that the deceased passed away prior to being discovered by the friend.

The deceased female has been identified as Joan Lauer, 46 year of age. Joan Lauer was also known as "Chyna" and was a professional wrestler and entertainer.

The exact nature and cause of the death, as well as the general time of death is under investigation by the Los Angeles County Coroner's department. Events leading up to the death of Joan Lauer is under investigation by the Redondo Beach Police Department to assist in the determination if the death was natural or accidental. Further details of the death investigation are not being released at this time.

Please direct your inquiries regarding the exact nature, cause and time of death to the Los Angeles County Coroner's department.