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### **CAROLINA BEACH POLICE DISCOVER APPARENT SUICIDE VICTIM**

CAROLINA BEACH, NC --- Carolina Beach Police said they found the remains of Gerald Edward Vance, 56, today around 10 a.m. at his home located at 400-C Goldsboro Avenue. Police said it appears Mr. Vance died from a self-inflicted gun shot. He was found lying on his back in his bedroom after police made entry through a window. Police were notified of the situation and asked to investigate by the victim's sister (who lives in Winston-Salem) after she received a letter from Mr. Vance earlier this week

Chief Billy Younginer said it appeared to him that Mr. Vance had been dead about two days when he was discovered this morning. Mr. Vance had left notes to various individuals, keys and a copy of his will on a counter, the Chief said. The body is being transported to Jacksonville, NC where an autopsy will be performed. As far as police know at this time, the victim had one adult son who lives in Wilmington. At the time of his death, Mr. Vance was involved in the commercial fishing business. No further information is available at this time.

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