



# Georgia Power work in Lakeland prompts temporary Road Closings

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LAKELAND, Georgia – Georgia Power Company has been temporarily closing some Lakeland streets lately. Yesterday, College Avenue at Simpson Street was completely blocked off. Other areas are reporting a similar phenomena over the last few days.

A call to the City of Lakeland has not yet produced information related to the temporary closings.

Visually, it seemed to appear that there was maintenance being done by Georgia Power Company, but this has not yet been confirmed.

# Moody Drive Valdosta Homicide Investigation

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VALDOSTA, Georgia – The Valdosta Police Department (VPD) has released information about someone being shot on Sunday, February 11th about 11:30 p.m. VPD Officers responded to the 500 block of Moody Drive after several citizens called E911.

The VPD Officers arrived on the scene, and found Octavius Marshun McDougal (33) with obvious signs of trauma to his torso. Those VPD Officers attempted life-saving measures on McDougal. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) responded and transported him to the hospital, where McDougal succumbed to his injuries.

Valdosta Police Department Detectives and Crime Scene Personnel responded to the scene, and began to investigate the incident.

After his death, McDougal was transported to the Georgia Bureau of Investigations (GBI) Medical Examiner's Office.

This investigation is on-going, and at this time it appears to be an isolated incident. VPD Detectives have developed a person of interest. No further information has been released at this time.

The Valdosta Police Department indicates that there have been numerous rumors being spread throughout social media. VPD also states that those rumors hamper their investigation.

The public is being asked for someone with valid information on this case to step forward. VPD is asking that area citizens refrain from going to social media. Instead citizens are asked to contact the Valdosta Police Department Bureau of Investigative Services at 229-293-3145, the crime tip line at 229-293-3091, or file a tip online at www.valdostacity.com/police-department.