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Kissimmee man vacationing in Mexico

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KISSIMMEE, Fla. (WOFL FOX 35 ORLANDO) - A 21-year-old man from Kissimmee was killed while vacationing in Cancun with his brother and friends.

Fox 35 was the only station who spoke with Craig Taylor's family.

They say he had a contagious smile, was a full-time college student and had a full-time job. They had no idea a fun night out of town would turn into a nightmare.

He would've been home on Thursday. Now, the family wants the person or people involved in his death behind bars.

"My sister woke me up, and she was screaming Craig's dead! And I'm like Craig is dead," said Ivori Nesbitt, Taylor's cousin.

Nesbitt dropped Taylor off at the airport on Feb. 28. Taylor, his older brother and two friends were on their way to Cancun for spring break.

"They go there every year because they have a timeshare," said Nesbitt. "Their motto in life is they work a lot, and [they] say let me have fun, you only live life once."

Saturday night they went to a club in downtown Cancun. That was the last day his friends saw him alive.

"All we know is that he got kicked out of the club," said Nesbitt. "His best friend ran out of the club looking for him. He didn't know which way he went."

She says his friends filed a missing person's report.

Sunday morning, Mexican authorities discovered Taylor's body on a dirt road in Punta Sam. They say he was strangled.

"It was right by the club," Nesbitt said. "He was face-up; his shirt was ripped. His watch and wallet were missing too."

Prosecutors are questioning five employees from the bar and the owner, but no one's been arrested.

"Just knowing that somebody strangled him, it's so surreal," said Nesbitt.

Taylor was a Valencia College student studying nursing. He also had a full-time job as a cashier at the Coach store in the Mall at Millennia.

Nesbitt says he worked a lot but liked to have fun. In fact, his friends were already planning a big birthday bash for him in June. Taylor would've been 22 years old.

"Every day we wake up and look at each other, 'is this really happening?' We still don't believe it; we all just saw him," Nesbitt said.

We contacted the U.S. State Department and Senator Marco Rubio's office.

Rubio's press secretary said they will work with the state to see what they can do to bring Taylor's body back to the United States.

Taylor's funeral is scheduled on March 22.

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