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Deaths Ruled Homicide and Self-Inflicted

Montgomery County District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman and Lower Providence Township Police Chief Francis Carroll announce a death investigation of two people that were found inside a residence on Ridge Pike in the Eagleville section of Lower Providence Township by their landlord.

On Monday, January 19, 2015 at 9:25 AM, Lower Providence Township PD responded to 3219 Ridge Pike, Eagleville PA for a reported death investigation. Arriving officers located the residents who were identified as John Gonzalez, age 54 and his wife, Margaret St. John Durham, age 58, deceased inside the residence. Initial investigation revealed both victims died as a result of gunshot wounds.

The Lower Providence Township Police Department and the Montgomery County Detective Bureau commenced a joint investigation into the death. The preliminary investigation revealed that the deceased couple were married and were behind on their rent. A note was also found at the scene that detailed contact information for family members.

On January 21, 2015, a Forensic Pathologist working for the Montgomery County Coroner, performed autopsies on both decedents. The autopsy revealed that Durham died as a result of a gunshot wound to the left side of her head. The manner of her death was ruled homicide. The autopsy of Gonzalez revealed that he died as a result of a single intra-oral shotgun wound to the head. The wound appeared to be self-inflicted and was ruled a suicide.

Approved for release:

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