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INVESTIGATION INTO DEATH OF ELDERLY COUPLE IN WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF A CRIME

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Jan. 18, 2019) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Whitemarsh Township Police Chief Christopher P. Ward announced the closing of the investigation into the Dec. 4, 2018, deaths of Ross and Rhoda Woodward of Whitemarsh Township after finding no evidence that a crime had occurred.

The announcement comes after the Montgomery County Coroner's Office released its report. The finding by Deputy Coroner Dr. Joseph Staniszewski listed the cause of death was Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease for Ross Woodward and as blunt impact injury to the head with a contributing cause of environmental hypothermia for Rhoda Woodward. The manner of death for each was undetermined.

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