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Updated News Release

As part of the Coroner's death investigation, autopsy procedures for Kim Hamilton and Gregg Hamilton were completed on Friday, October 9, 2015. Based upon the results of the autopsy procedures, in conjunction with the evidence and information gathered by investigators from the Sheriff's Criminal Investigation Division and Coroner's Unit, it appears the cause of death for both decedents is a gunshot wound of the head. The manner of death for Kim Hamilton is homicide and the manner of death for Gregg Hamilton is suicide.

The Coroner's death investigation will not be finalized until after toxicology results are received, which is expected to take several weeks. The Sheriff-Coroner will not certify the cause and manner of death until the investigation is finalized. However, all indications are that the tragic incident was a murder-suicide.

Identities Released in Apparent Murder-Suicide

The Sheriff's Office is releasing the names of the two decedents who were found inside a Los Olivos home this morning. They are 45-year-old Kimberly Lannette Hamilton of Los Olivos and 50-year-old Gregg Todd Hamilton of Santa Ynez. The case is still under investigation but at this point all indications are that this was a murder-suicide. Kimberly Hamilton suffered an apparent gunshot wound and Gregg Hamilton suffered an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The Sheriff's Office is in the process of determining what led to this tragic incident. There were no calls for service at this residence in recent history. Due to the active investigation, this is all the information that will be released at this time.

Investigation of Apparent Murder-Suicide in Los Olivos

Los Olivos – The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office is investigating an apparent murder-suicide in Los Olivos. Just before 8:00 a.m. this morning, October 8, 2015, a male reporting party called 9-1-1

and claimed that a violent crime had occurred at his location. The call was traced to a cell phone at a home in the 2200 block of Alamo Pintado Avenue in Los Olivos.

Sheriff's deputies, California Highway Patrol Officers and paramedics responded. A reverse 911 call was sent out to residents in the area advising them to shelter in place. Several local schools were placed on lockdown as a precautionary measure. The Sheriff's Special Enforcement Team, K-9 Unit and the Santa Barbara County Air Support Unit responded to assist.

Sheriff's Special Enforcement Team members gained entry into the residence and discovered the body of a male and female resident inside the home deceased. A firearm was also found.

Once it was determined the crime was likely an isolated incident, the school lockdowns were lifted and residents were allowed to come and go from their residences.

The Sheriff's Criminal Investigations Division is conducting an investigation to determine the circumstances surrounding what appears to be a domestic dispute that resulted in a murder-suicide. The Sheriff's Office is in the process of notifying next of kin and is not releasing the identities of the decedents at this time.

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