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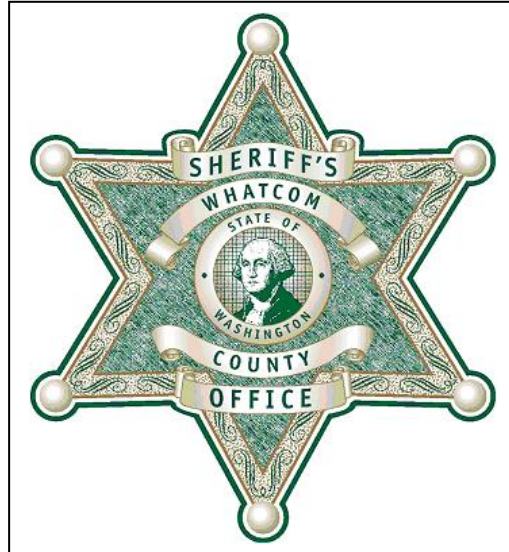
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Case Number: 19A43795

Incident Type: Murder

Issued By: Bill Elfo, Sheriff, via Deb Slater

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UPDATE: The victim of the murder was identified as Lynn Heimsoth. The husband was identified as Kevin Heimsoth. Heimsoth remains hospitalized and is being guarded by the Sheriff's Office pending formal criminal charges. The crime currently remains under investigation.

Confidential assistance for persons with questions regarding domestic violence is available through Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services at 360-715-1563.

On Thursday, December 26th at 1028 hours, Sheriff's Deputies responded to a condominium complex in the 900 block of Marine Drive in response to a reported murder and suicide. Deputies found a 58 year old female deceased in her apartment from an apparent gunshot wound. Her husband age 56, who was also in the apartment, appeared to have sustained a self-inflicted gunshot wound and was transported to a local hospital under Sheriff's Office guard. A dog and a cat were also found deceased from gunshot wounds. The Sheriff's Office does not believe that there is any generalized threat to the community that is connected to this incident. The investigation is in its preliminary stages and no further details are being released at this time. The identity of the victim and her husband are not being released pending notification of their family. Updates will be issued as information becomes available and after family notifications are completed.

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