

LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
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Lt. Lew Roberts
Robbery/Homicide Bureau
828-3521

On September 24, 2009 at approximately 6:49 a.m., a citizen called LVMPD dispatch and reported that two people were injured inside a residence located in the 1800 block of South 10th Street. Officers and emergency medical personnel responded and discovered a deceased 80-year-old woman and a wounded 86-year-old man. The man was transported to Sunrise Hospital for treatment.

Homicide detectives were requested and responded to the scene. Investigation revealed that the injured man and deceased woman were married and resided at the residence. They were discovered by family members who had come to the residence to care for them. A pistol was recovered at the scene. The female had succumbed to a gunshot wound to her back. The male had what is suspected to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound to his torso. Investigation lead officers to suspect that the male had shot the female, killing her, and then shot himself.

Joseph Woods, an 86-year-old local resident, was arrested for Murder with a Deadly Weapon and booked in absentia at the Clark County Detention Center. No photo is available of Mr. Woods at this time. Mr. Woods remains in critical condition at Sunrise Hospital.

The identity of the victim is being withheld pending positive identification and notification of next of kin by the Clark County Coroners Office.

Anyone with information regarding this latest homicide is encouraged to contact Crime Stoppers at 385-5555 or the LVMPD Homicide Section at 828-3521.