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Press Release

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MURDER-SUICIDE IN WEYMOUTH

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Weymouth and State Police detectives attached to the Norfolk District Attorney's office are investigating an apparent domestic violence murder-suicide.

A family member who makes regular morning visits to the 15 Dunbar Road home alerted police to the scene at approximately 7:12 a.m. Tuesday, April 22, 2014.

Both residents of that address were pronounced dead at the scene: Elizabeth A. Coyne, age 81, and husband Donald P. Coyne, age 83.

Massachusetts State Police Crime Scene Services Section, Ballistics Section, Crime Lab and Photo Sections assisted in the investigation at the scene during the course of the day. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner evacuated the Coynes at approximately 3:30 p.m. and their remains were transported to the OCME in Boston. Autopsy is not anticipated before tomorrow.

While the cause of death will not be finalized until the autopsy has been completed, observable injuries to both parties were consistent with gunshot wounds. A .25 caliber Walther pistol, believed to have been the property of Mr. Coyne, was found at his side.

The crime scene investigation at the residence has been completed; the investigation is continuing. The Coynes were long-term residents of 15 Dunbar Street. Weymouth Police report no prior involvement with the family. There is no known history of domestic violence.

April 28, 2014 UPDATE: While the final autopsy report has not been issued, the OCME did not relay any findings or injuries inconsistent with these deaths being the result of a murder/suicide involving the firearm found at Mr. Coyne's side.