

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Press Release

(Title of Crime/Incident) Suspicious Death

Report Number: 2015-18714 UPDATE
Coroner Number:
Crime/Incident: Suspicious Death
Location: 32000 block of Navarro Ridge Road Albion, Ca
When: Date: 08-01-2015 **Time:** 10:57 AM

Victim Info :

	Name	Age	Street Address	City, State
Victim #1:	Valerie Ann Morales	77		Albion, Ca

Suspect Info:

	Name	Age	Street Address	City, State
Suspect #1:	Martin Charles Morales	80		Albion, Ca

Written by: Captain Greg Van Patten

Synopsis:

ORIGINAL PRESS RELEASE:

On 08-01-2015 at 10:57 AM, Deputies from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a welfare check at a residence located in the 32000 block of Navarro Ridge Road in Albion, California.

At the location, a neighbor concerned for the two residents tried to contact them and was unable to do so. The neighbor peered through windows and observed what they believed to be the two residents deceased.

Deputies arrived and gained entry into the residence due to the circumstances of the situation.

A 77-year-old white female adult was found to be deceased and an 80-year-old white male adult was found to be suffering from life threatening injuries.

The 80-year-old white male adult was treated by medical personnel and subsequently transported by air ambulance to an out of county hospital.

Sheriff's Detectives from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Investigative Services Bureau responded and assumed control of the investigation of the incident.

The name of the 77-year-old white female adult is being withheld pending contact with her legal the next of kin.

On 08-02-2015 the 80-year-old white male adult died as a resulted of his injuries and his name is being withheld pending contact with his legal next of kin.

Sheriff's Detectives are continuing investigations but initial evidence at the scene suggests this incident was a murder suicide.

UPDATED PRESS RELEASE:

On 08-04-2015 the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Coroner's Division released the identities of the persons involved in this incident.

They were identified as being Valerie Ann Morales and Martin Charles Morales, a married couple who resided together in Albion.

Preliminary autopsy findings showed both died as the result of a gunshot wound.

Sheriff's Detectives are continuing investigations into the incident which is still believed to be a murder suicide.

Approved By: Captain Greg Van Patten

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