



POLICE DEPARTMENT

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To: Media & Public
From: Sahuarita Police Department
Subject: UPDATE Homicide SPD Case S23010244

On January 12, 2023, at about 1:03 PM, officers of the Sahuarita Police Department received a 9-1-1 call reporting a homicide in the 1300 block of W. Via Cerro Colorado. Officers responded to the residence and immediately entered the residence. Officers located two individuals who had been shot. Rural Metro Fire Department also responded and pronounced both individuals deceased at the scene.

The victim has been identified as 82-year-old Sahuarita resident Janet Johnson, and the suspect has been identified as 78-year-old Mark Johnson of Sahuarita. Their next of kin have been notified of their passing.

The investigation thus far has shown that Mr. Johnson shot his wife, called 9-1-1- and reported that he "Murdered his wife" and then took his own life. The SPD has not had any prior responses to their residence.

The investigation is ongoing; if you believe you or someone else may have information associated with this case, we'd like to speak with you. Anyone with information may contact the SPD by calling 9-1-1 or 344-7000 during business hours Monday through Friday or by contacting our TIP Line at 520-445-7847.

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