



## **Fresno County Sheriff - Coroner's Office** Margaret Mims, Sheriff - Coroner

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### **News Release**

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## **Sheriff's Detectives Search for Leads in Double Homicide**

Members of the Fresno County Sheriff's Crime Scene Unit have identified the victims in a double homicide investigation. The two women are a mother and daughter. They are 88 year old Cynthia Houk and 55 year old Jennifer Dupras. Based upon their injuries, their deaths have been changed from suspicious to homicide.

On Tuesday, homicide detectives contacted Dupras' estranged husband. They questioned the man and also obtained a search warrant, which was used to search his home in Kingsburg. Detectives did not develop any probable cause to arrest the man.

It was around 3:30 pm on Monday that Fresno County Sheriff's dispatchers received a phone call requesting deputies check the welfare of a person living at a home on the 6200 block of N. Colonial Ave. in Fresno. The caller was concerned because the person (Jennifer Dupras) had missed an appointment earlier in the day. Deputies responded and found the home to be secure, with no signs of trouble. Deputies spoke to a neighbor who told them they had a key to the house and would let them inside to check if everything was ok. The deputies entered the home and found two people deceased. Due to their visible injuries, deputies requested homicide detectives respond to the scene to begin an investigation into these suspicious deaths.

**Detectives arrived along with members of the Sheriff's Crime Scene Unit. They spent several hours canvassing the area, collecting evidence and speaking with potential witnesses. Detectives continue to speak with friends and family members of the victims in hopes of gaining a better understanding of what lead to these deaths. A motive has not been established, but detectives are following up on numerous leads.**

**This remains an ongoing investigation. Anyone with additional information on this case is asked to contact Sheriff's dispatchers at (559) 600-3111, Detective Juan Galindo at (559) 600-8215 or Crime Stoppers at (559) 498-7867. You will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward.**