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Sheriff's Office Launches Investigation into Apparent Murder-Suicide

(FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS) – Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office is investigating the details surrounding an apparent murder-suicide in Richmond, Texas.

On Monday, March 11, 2024, at approximately 2:50 pm, the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office received a check welfare call from the Coast Guard for a residence located in the 23300 block of Darst Field Trail in Richmond, Fort Bend County, Texas.

Information given to FBCSO was that a family member of Gene Mark Hudgson-Sjogreen contacted the Coast Guard stating he had gone fishing and did not make it to his planned destination afterwards.

During the wellness check of the residence by FBCSO, deputies met with Hudgson-Sjogreen's father who informed them that his son was believed to have gone fishing on Sunday and no one had heard from him since.

During the FBCSO deputies' missing persons investigation, signs of a disturbance were observed inside the residence and forced entry was made.

Upon entering the residence, deputies found a female and a male deceased inside. Preliminary investigation by Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office investigators indicates the deaths are a result of a murder-suicide investigation in which a firearm was used. The

deceased were identified as victim/wife, Alba Marina Garcia, 34, and suspect/husband, Gene Mark Hudgson-Sjogreen, 34. Preliminary research has not shown prior calls to this residence.

Both deceased parties were educators at elementary schools in the Lamar Consolidated School District.

This remains an ongoing investigation.

"Loss of life is an incomprehensible tragedy that affects us all. Such events have profound and lasting effects, not only on the families directly involved but on the entire fabric of our society," said Sheriff Eric Fagan. "We extend our deepest sympathies to everyone impacted by this profound loss."

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The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office was founded in 1837 and is the largest and most diverse law enforcement agency in Fort Bend County. The Sheriff's Office has over 900 employees, including 615 sworn peace officers and 22 reserve volunteer deputies dedicated to protecting and serving nearly 900,000 Fort Bend County residents. Among the 10 fastest-growing counties in the nation, Fort Bend covers 885 square miles and includes 21 unincorporated communities.

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