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Press Release

Two deaths, believed related, under investigation

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State Police detectives from the Norfolk District Attorney's Office are currently working with Dedham and Norwood Police investigating two deaths, one in each community, that appear to be related.

Dedham Police were contacted by Venture Community Services, a residential care facility in Dedham, at roughly 7 p.m. yesterday, July 9, 2018. Venture Community Services personnel informed police that their employee, Mary E. MacKinnon, 74, of Norwood, had failed to return after departing with a resident with whom she had worked for many years. She had left the facility early in the morning with Jeffrey N. Goldstein, 41, of Dedham, purportedly to transport him to a medical appointment in one of the organization's transport vans.

Dedham Police located the van in the parking lot of the Holiday Inn at 55 Ariadne Rd in Dedham. Subsequent investigation led them to a room within, where they discovered Goldstein, who used a wheelchair, deceased but without obvious signs of trauma or injury.

While the Dedham location was being processed, Norwood Police discovered MacKinnon's personal vehicle parked in front of the Holiday Inn Express at 225 Norwood Park South. Subsequent investigation led officers to a room within, where they found MacKinnon deceased of a probable suicide.

The office of the Chief Medical Examiner has accepted both cases for autopsy. It is probable that the autopsy will not be conducted before tomorrow, July 11, 2018.

The matter remains under active investigation. It is unlikely that further information will be released prior to obtaining information from the autopsy.

"While the circumstances of these deaths are clearly disturbing, we do not believe that there is any ongoing threat to the public or others related to this case," Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey said.

July 11, 2018 POST-AUTOPSY UPDATE:

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner has provided a preliminary opinion confirming that Mary E. MacKinnon died of suicide, with asphyxia as her apparent cause of death, following an autopsy earlier today.

While the autopsy of Jeffrey Goldstein was also completed, no signs of trauma were found and the cause and manner of death remain undetermined pending toxicology testing.

The matter remains under investigation.