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Millis and State Police investigating two dead

A Millis town worker operating on a remote dirt roadway off Rte. 115 near the intersection with Rte. 27 discovered a deceased male and female with apparent gunshot wounds this morning near their motor vehicle and notified Millis Police shortly after 9 a.m., Millis Chief Christopher Soffayer and Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey announced.

Millis police responded to the area, secured the crime scene, and notified the Massachusetts State Police homicide unit assigned to the Norfolk District Attorney's Office. Specialized State Police Crime Scene Services and ballistics personnel, and State Crime Lab Chemists joined the investigation, processing the scene and gathering evidence into the early afternoon. A gun was located below the body of the male.

The two people were well known to each other.

"We are still very early in this investigation and there is much to be done, but we do not yet have evidence of third-party involvement," District Attorney Morrissey said. "The Medical Examiner may be able to provide information on the cause and manner of death in the next 24 to 48 hours."

District Attorney Morrissey said that the investigation continues. "The scene is still very active, and authorities are trying to reach next of kin for both parties. We are working closely with Millis detectives and Chief Soffayer as we work through this."

The pair had recently been residing in Millis, according to Chief Soffayer.

"An incident like this will obviously be upsetting to residents, but the information available at this time does not suggest any ongoing threat or danger to Millis residents associated with this incident," Chief Soffayer said. "A heavy police presence in the immediate area is expected to remain in place for several hours as well."

UPDATE: Initial results from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner indicate that this was a domestic violence murder-suicide. Michael Fischella, 32, murdered Tanaia Wilkinson, 25. Both resided at 67 Curve Street in Millis.