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Media Release

Incident: UPDATE: Ashland Death Investigations Ruled Murder Suicide
Location: 500 block of Nickman Rd., Ashland, Mo.
Date & time: 11/2/17 @ 2358 hours
Case Number: 17-5039

Details:

The deaths of two people last week (11/2/17) in Ashland has been ruled a murder suicide following autopsies by the Boone County Medical Examiner and an investigation by the Boone County Sheriff's Department.

Ashland police officers and Boone County sheriff's deputies responded to a residence around midnight in the 500 block of Nickman Road after 9-1-1 reports of gunshots. Upon arrival, officers and deputies found the bodies of Travis J. Parker, 42, and Jessica Willits, 36. Both sustained gunshot wounds.

The investigation determined Parker shot Willits before taking his own life.

Release date & time: 11//6/17 @ 1540 hours
Release authorized by: Det. Tom O'Sullivan, #5040