



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



Columbia Township Murder-Suicide

Columbia Township, October 18, 2017 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports at approximately 05:47 AM, Deputies responded to a 911 call for shots being fired in the area of 8292 Wooster Pike. Upon arrival, deputies found two people deceased from gunshot wounds.

The deceased are identified as follows:

Anna L. Smith, age 53, of the 8200 block of Wooster Pike in Columbia Township

John C. Smith, age 47, of the 6700 block of Madison Ave in Cincinnati

Investigators learned that John and Anna Smith were recently divorced. Anna Smith had moved into Columbia Township, away from John Smith, who lives in the Madisonville neighborhood of Cincinnati.

John Smith confronted Anna Smith outside of her apartment as she was leaving to go to work. Witnesses identify hearing a loud verbal altercation outside the apartment building which turned physical as John grabbed Anna. Anna Smith fled to 8292 Wooster Pike and tried to hide in a vacant apartment. John Smith found Anna and shot her multiple times and then took his own life.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to call the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigative Section (513) 851-6000 or Crime Stoppers at (513) 352-3040.

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