

Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



Sycamore Township

Sycamore Township, January 19, 2020 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports that on January 19th at 11AM, Deputies were dispatched to 8173 E. Kemper Road in Sycamore Township to check on the well-being of the resident, Matt Grelle. The 911 call came from a relative of Grelle who advised that he asked for an ambulance while on the phone with them.

As Deputies arrived at 11:05 AM and approached the residence, a single gunshot was heard from the garage. Responding officers radioed for assistance and secured the area.

At 11:22 AM, the family members updated the communications center that Matt Grelle had told another relative on an earlier phone call that he had “killed his girlfriend and was going to kill the police if they came”.

The Hamilton County Police Association SWAT team was requested to assist with entry. The residence was entered at approximately 3PM after all attempts at communication failed. Upon entry into the residence, they found a deceased male adult and a deceased female adult.

The deceased male has been identified as Matthew Grelle, age 38. Grelle shot and killed his live in girlfriend, Lauren Fitzgerald, age 27 before turning the gun on himself.

Sheriff Neil would like to remind anyone with additional information on this case, that they can contact the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigative Section at (513) 851-6000. Tipsters can also contact Crime Stoppers, where your information can be shared anonymously, at (513) 352-3040. Tips can also be submitted electronically by visiting the Crime Stoppers website and following the “submit a tip” icon.

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