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Husband and Wife Found Deceased Following Apparent Murder-Suicide

BUNNELL, Fla. — The Flagler County Sheriff's Office is investigating an apparent murder-suicide in Palm Coast after responding to a relative's request for a welfare check on an elderly couple at a residence on Pinelynn Lane Wednesday evening after they were unable to reach the couple by phone or text. A neighbor told detectives they last saw the couple leaving for the hospital on Tuesday.

Once on scene, a hospice nurse provided entry into the home, where deputies located the married couple, identified as Julio Alonso, 85, and Martha Alonso, 74, deceased inside their bedroom. The preliminary investigation indicates that the husband shot his wife then took his own life with a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

"While we are still in the early stages of this investigation, the evidence located inside the home and witness interviews strongly indicate that this is a tragic murder-suicide," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "Losing a parent is never easy but losing both parents to what appears to be a murder-suicide is unimaginable. Our condolences and prayers go out to this couple's family and friends during this extremely difficult time. May God rest their souls."

The deceased have been transported to the medical examiner's office, and the investigation continues by FCSO's Major Case and CSI units.

Sheriff Staly and FCSO remind residents there are numerous resources available in Flagler County for those struggling with health issues, and help is always available for those who need it. If you are feeling suicidal or overwhelmed, you can get help by contacting Flagler Cares at 386-319-9483 or contacting the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline by calling 988 or visiting 988lifeline.org.

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