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UPDATE IN DEATH INVESTIGATION IN GULF COUNTY

GULF COUNTY, FL — At approximately 12:30 PM on April 6, 2026, dispatchers at the Gulf County Sheriff's Office received a report that an employee of a local business had not reported to work. The caller requested a welfare check.

Deputies responded to the business to gather initial information and then began their search starting at the last known address. After receiving no answer at the door and observing no immediate signs of foul play, deputies continued their efforts to locate the individual by checking other known locations but were unsuccessful.

Deputies returned to the business to continue gathering more information. While this occurred, family and friends of the missing responded to the residence and were able to make entry into the home. Upon doing so, they discovered Lorelei Strickland and her husband, Jarrott Strickland, deceased inside one of the bedrooms. It was further reported that it appeared that they had been deceased for some time. This information was relayed to law enforcement which resulted in Investigators from the Gulf County Sheriff's Office and Medical Examiner's Office to respond.

Upon law enforcement arrival, both parties were found deceased, each with an apparent gunshot wound. No signs of forced entry were noted. Initial findings from Investigators and the Medical Examiner's Office indicate that Mr. Strickland shot his wife and then turned the gun on himself. This remains an active and ongoing investigation.

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