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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

**ASSIGNED PIO:** Amanda Conwell

DATE OF MEDIA RELEASE: January 30, 2019

TIME OF MEDIA RELEASE: Click here to enter text. p.m.

**CASE NUMBER:** 2019-005947

CHARGE/INCIDENT: Shooting - Homicide / Suicide

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: January 29, 2019

TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 9:05 a.m.

PLACE OF OCCURRENCE: NW 76<sup>th</sup> Avenue & NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Pembroke Pines

SUSPECT(S) - NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:

1) Adult Male

**VICTIM(S) - NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:** 

1) Adult Female

#### **INCIDENT SUMMARY:**

\*\*\*\*\*UPDATE, January 30, 2019\*\*\*\*

The phrase "See Something, Say Something" is often used by law enforcement agencies as a way to encourage residents to take a proactive stance towards crime prevention. Over the years, the repetition of this phrase can cause people to disregard its potential impact within a community. Yesterday's incident is a sobering but critical reminder to our residents regarding the positive impact that they can have on a family, and on our entire community, by taking the time to look out for each other.

The reason why our officers responded to the suspect's home early yesterday morning was due to an anonymous call from a concerned individual regarding the welfare of the family's children. This caller was not directly connected to the family, but decided to err on the side of caution and reached out to law enforcement with their concerns. The results of our continued investigation,



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coupled with the suspects actions on scene, have reinforced the fact that the information provided by this anonymous caller directly enabled our officers to save the lives of these children. We cannot thank this anonymous caller enough for reaching out to 911.

We'd also like to commend the actions of the on-scene officers whose response prevented further harm from being enacted upon this family.

A primary focus for our agency during this time is the continued welfare of the children involved in this incident. Our department has been working closely with the children and their family, and have provided them with every possible resource to help them heal from this tragedy. The children are currently residing in a safe & healthy environment with members of their family. We appreciate all the offers of support that we have received on their behalf from members of our Pembroke Pines community.

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On January 29, 2019, at approximately 9:05 a.m. our officers were dispatched to a residence located in the area of NW 76<sup>th</sup> Avenue & NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street. An anonymous caller had advised that four juveniles residing at this location had not been in attendance at school for a week, and requested that police conduct a welfare check.

Police made initial contact with the male homeowner (Suspect #1) outside of his residence. The suspect appeared to be impaired and was asked by officers if he was drunk or on drugs, to which he replied yes. He then alleged that he was going through hard times due to his wife having left him. Due to the suspect's behavior and him repeatedly placing his hands inside of his shorts' pockets, officers were initiating a search of his person at which point the suspect pulled out a firearm and shot himself in the head. Rescue was immediately requested to treat the suspect's self-inflicted injuries. Despite lifesaving efforts the suspect was pronounced deceased on scene.

Four juveniles under the age of ten were located inside of the residence, and were subsequently removed from the home and taken to a secure location. The juveniles had no signs of physical injuries. A subsequent search of the residence revealed the body of a deceased adult female (Victim #1) located in a rear bedroom. The victim appears to have been deceased for several days.



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It has since been confirmed that the suspect and victim were husband and wife, and that the four juveniles are their children. All next of kin have been notified. This remains an active criminal investigation and no additional information is available at the present time.