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NEWS RELEASE

Branson Police Investigate Murder-Suicide at Branson Manor Apts

BRANSON, Mo., 10/6/2023 – Branson Police Officers responded to a report of an active shooter at the Branson Manor Apartments, located at 218 Old Country Rd, at approximately 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 5, 2023. Officers made immediate entry and quickly located one person deceased from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. Officers then searched the remainder of the building and found one additional victim in a management office.

A preliminary investigation indicates that this was a murder-suicide that resulted from a rent dispute. The deceased are identified as:

- Suspect: Stephen Walsh, 77, of Branson (Tennant)
- Victim: Whitney Davis, 47, of Branson (Manager)

Clergy and the Police Liaison from Burrell Behavioral Health were on scene to assist the residents.

Additionally, the complex is working on counselors to assist in the coming days. Because of the initial reports of an active shooter, the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Taney County Sheriff's Office were requested to assist. The Branson Fire Department and the Taney County Ambulance District also responded. The Branson Police Department continues to investigate and will provide updates if information changes.

The Department would like to express its heartfelt condolences to the friends and family of those involved and impacted by this tragedy and encourages those that are dealing with difficulties, depression or other complications to seek help. If family members are aware of loved ones that are suffering, please encourage them to seek assistance or request it on their behalf.

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