



# San Diego County Sheriff's Department

## Homicide Unit

### Media Information

**SUBJECT:** Homicide Investigation – Update

**LOCATION:** 4900 Block of Resmar Road, Unincorporated La Mesa

**DATE/TIME:** December 15, 2020 / 6:00 p.m.

**DECEASED:** Judith Ann Caruthers, 72-years-old

**SUSPECT:** Herman Hull Caruthers Jr., 74-years-old

The Medical Examiner's Office conducted the autopsy today and has identified the elderly female as seventy-two-year-old Judith Ann Caruthers and the elderly male as seventy-four-year-old Herman Caruthers. Both are residents of the unincorporated area of La Mesa. The families have been notified of their deaths.

The preliminary cause of death for Judith Caruthers is penetrating gunshot wound to the head and the manner of death is homicide.

The preliminary cause of death for Herman Caruthers is penetrating gunshot wound to the head and the manner of death is suicide.

The investigation is on-going, but no suspects are believed to be outstanding.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (858) 285-6330/after hours at (858) 565-5200. You can remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

Information from prior release:

*On December 14, 2020, just after 12:30 p.m., Sheriff's deputies responded to the 4900 block of Resmar Road in the unincorporated area of La Mesa to check the welfare of an elderly couple who lived at the location. A family member became concerned about the couple after not hearing from them for several days. Based on this information, deputies entered the residence. Inside the residence, deputies found an elderly male and an elderly female who had been shot. Both were pronounced deceased at the scene.*



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*The Sheriff's Homicide Unit responded and has assumed responsibility of the investigation.  
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