

Media Release

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October 9, 2016 – UPDATE



Suspect booked for Murdering his Wife

Yesterday, following an investigation by detectives from YCSO's Criminal Investigations Bureau, 41-year-old Kenneth Blair was booked for the murder of his wife, 41-year-old Delissa Blair. The victim was pregnant at the time resulting in a second count of murder involving their unborn child. Bond has not been set. The couple has two children, ages 5 and 11, who were home at the time and not injured.

Kenneth originally called YCSO just before 5 AM yesterday claiming he accidentally shot his wife as they struggled over a handgun. When deputies arrived, they found Delissa lying on the bed suffering from a gunshot wound to her head. She was transported to Yavapai Regional Medical Center and later pronounced dead. Kenneth was detained and eventually admitted in a follow-up interview that he became upset with Delissa and shot her. He was booked at the Camp Verde Detention Center around 10 PM last night on 2nd Degree Murder.



Detectives remained on scene yesterday and into the evening investigating the incident and collecting evidence. Representatives from the Department of Child Safety, Yavapai Family Advocacy Center and the Trauma Intervention Programs responded to assist the children and other family members.

Issued October 8, 2016 - PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

Just before 5 AM this morning, YCSO deputies were dispatched to the 100 block of Wells Fargo Road, Prescott, regarding a 42-year-old woman who had sustained a gunshot wound. She was transported to Yavapai Regional Medical Center and did not survive. A man who resides at the home is being questioned but no arrests have been made. The weapon has been recovered.

The investigation is active and ongoing and no further details are available at this time. Further updates will be provided when known.

The incident appears isolated to this home and YCSO wants to assure the community there is no danger otherwise.

Citizens can contact the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office with information or questions at 928-771-3260

or the YCSO website: www.ycsoaz.gov