UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Sheriff's Office Discovers Mother and Son Deceased in Their Home

On Saturday, July 29th, 2023, at approximately 5:25pm, the Union County Sheriff's Office received a call from family requesting a well-being check on their mother, Joyce Wickline, 83 residing at 18162 Dog Leg Rd, Paris Twp. The family indicated Craig Wickline 50, Joyce's adult son also living at the residence told family members over the phone, their mother was deceased in the residence.

Sheriff's Office deputies attempted to contact Craig at the residence and over the phone with no success. Detectives from the Sheriff's Office worked with the Union County Prosecutor's Office to obtain a search warrant for the property, located at 18162 Dog Leg Rd. Marysville, Ohio.

On July 29, 2023, at approximately 10:39 p.m. the Union County Sheriff's Office served a search warrant at 18162 Dog Leg Road Marysville, Ohio for failing to provide for a functionally impaired person and abuse of a corpse.

The search warrant was served by the Union County Joint Special Response Team comprised of members from the Union County Sheriff's Office, Logan County Sheriff's Office, and Plain City Police Department upon entry into the home, they discovered Craig Wickline, 50-year-old deceased from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. They also discovered who we believe to be Craig's mother, Joyce Wickline, 83-year-old deceased. Union County Sheriff's Office Detectives and the Union County Coroner Investigators believe Joyce Wickline has been deceased for several months based on the decomposition of the body.

The bodies of Craig and Joyce Wickline were transported to the Miami Valley Crime Lab for an Autopsy.