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DOUBLE MURDER

UPDATE #3:

On March 06, 2025, the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce the arrest of 61-year-old Danny Hale Sr. of Opelika, Alabama. Hale is charged with 2nd degree murder (x2) and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony (x2). Hale is currently being held at the Rappahannock Regional Jail without bond. After an extensive investigation, Detectives determined Hale as the suspect. Hale was known to the victims. Although an arrest has been made, the investigation continues.

UPDATE #2:

The Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office is seeking assistance in obtaining information in reference to the double murder that occurred on January 25, 2025 in the 10800 block of Heatherwood Drive. Detectives are requesting citizens in that area who may have observed any suspicious activity, have video footage, or have any information no matter how seemingly insignificant between Monday, January 20, 2025 to Saturday, January 25, 2025, to please contact the Spotsylvania Sheriff's Office or provide an anonymous tip through Spotsylvania Crime Solvers at 1-800-928-5822 or online at www.p3tips.com

UPDATE #1:

It was determined after the autopsy by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner that the victims had been shot several times. Detectives are working around the clock, continuing to follow leads and process evidence.

ORIGINAL:

On January 25th at approximately 10:30AM, deputies with the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office responded to the 10800 block of Heatherwood Drive. A caller reported that they had not heard from a friend and went to the residence to check on them. Upon the friend entering the residence, the body of a female was noticed and appeared to be deceased. They immediately retreated from the residence and called the Spotsylvania County Emergency Communication Center. Deputies quickly arrived and found a male and female deceased in the residence.

Detectives with the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) responded to the scene, began their investigation, conducted interviews, and gathered evidence. Detectives have identified the victims as 61-year-old Charles Childress and 59-year-old Kimberly Newcomb. At this time, it has not yet been determined the relationship between the victims but were residing in the home together. Detectives have ruled this as a homicide with both victims suffering from fatal injuries. The circumstances of this homicide remain under investigation.

Remember, your phone call or online tip can make a difference.

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