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Cause of death confirmed for couple found in Po‘ipū condo

PO‘IPŪ – Kaua‘i police have confirmed additional details about the unattended deaths of two adults found dead on Friday, Nov. 1, in a Po‘ipū condo.

Police have identified the decedents as 48-year-old Catherine Angeles and 50-year-old Derek Stokes, both of Kīlauea.

Autopsies performed have confirmed that both Angeles and Stokes died of wounds to their upper thighs. Preliminary findings also confirm that Angeles died of a homicide, and Stokes died of a suicide. Based on the medical examiner’s findings, police believe that Stokes is responsible for the death of Angeles and himself.

The two bodies were found shortly after 11:20 a.m. on Nov. 1, when police were dispatched to Po‘ipū Shores to conduct a welfare check on Stokes who was staying at a condo. At the time of the report, he was not seen or heard from since Wednesday, Oct. 30. Upon their arrival, the two adults were found dead.

The investigation remains ongoing.

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