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St. Helena Parish Murder Suspect Dead of Apparent Suicide

Greensburg, LA – Just before noon today, investigators located the body of 48-year-old Adren Allen in a rural area of East Feliciana Parish, near the St. Helena Parish line. Allen, who had been identified as a suspect in the murder of his wife, 39-year-old Marsha Allen, and the subsequent arson of their Greensburg home, had eluded investigators for weeks.

As investigators turned their focus to Allen early in the investigation, he disappeared from the area. However, a break in the case came today as investigators received information that Allen was hold-up at a camp in a rural area along the Amite River, in the community of Felixville.

In a wooded area, near several camps, investigators found Allen's body in a parked vehicle that was registered to his deceased wife. Investigators believe Allen took his own life.

Adren Allen was developed as a suspect in the October 11, 2014 arson of his home on Hwy 1043 in Greensburg. Investigators assigned to investigate the fire recovered the body of Marsha within the charred remains of the home. An autopsy revealed that she had died hours before the fire.

On the day of the fire, Allen told investigators that he had been at home with his wife immediately before the fire, but that he left the home in order to purchase livestock feed at a local store prior to the start of the fire. However, investigators were able to place Allen at the scene during the incipient, or early, stage of the fire.

State Fire Marshal investigators were assisted in the investigation by the St. Helena Parish Sheriff's Office, the East Feliciana Parish Sheriff's Office, the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, respectively.

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