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(Update)Murder/Suicide Investigation

September 12, 2015— In light of the newly released Hennepin County Medical Examiner’s reports, the South Lake Minnetonka Police Department can confirm that the Short family death investigation is a murder/suicide. All evidence indicates Brian Short killed his family members in their bedrooms before turning the gun on himself.

Although the South Lake Minnetonka Police Department received the welfare check on Thursday, September 10th, the investigation *estimates* the killings occurred late Monday night or early Tuesday morning. No motive has been discovered.

“There are many moving parts in an investigation of this magnitude. I once again ask for the media’s and public’s patience while we work through all of the evidence and facts.”—Michael Siitari

There will be no further information released this weekend in regards to this investigation which is being handled by the South Lake Minnetonka Police Department and the Hennepin County Sheriff’s Office.

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September 11, 2015-- The investigation of the apparent murder/suicide on Channel Drive in Greenwood is ongoing with all available resources. Preliminary investigation indicates all five victims died of apparent gunshot wounds. Four of the family members were found in their bedrooms. The husband, and father, was found in the lower level garage. At this point we cannot positively say who shot whom. The Medical Examiner’s determination will answer that question. The probable weapon was recovered at the scene.

This preliminary information is being released early in the investigation to reassure the community that there are no known safety issues. This is an ongoing homicide/death investigation that may be protracted. When additional information can be released we will notify the media.

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