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MURDER AND ATTEMPTED SUICIDE IN LULING

St. Charles Parish Sheriff Greg Champagne reports that at around 1:48 PM on September 22, 2010, the St. Charles Parish Communications Center received a 911 call from Gary Farrell W/M, 42 years old who, after identifying himself and his location, informed dispatchers that he killed his girlfriend. Farrell advised that he put her in her 1992 Tan Lincoln Town Car and parked it inside the St. Charles Parish Hospital parking lot. Farrell advised that he was barricaded in a shed on his property on Luling Avenue in Luling, Louisiana with a gun and would not come out alive.

Deputies located the vehicle in the hospital parking lot and discover the body of Ginger Mongrue Allen, W/F, DOB: 11-1-59 of Luling, Louisiana, face down between the front and back seats of the car. An autopsy revealed cause of death was a gunshot wound to the head. Video surveillance at the hospital showed Farrell parking the car at 12:08 AM and after walking around the parking lot, admitted himself into the emergency room with back pains. He was released at 1:38 AM and was picked up by a family member.

Farrell was located in a shed he converted into a home at 732 Luling Avenue. The building was surrounded while deputies talked with Farrell in an effort to surrender. After hours of unsuccessful negotiations, at approximately 7:39 PM the St. Charles Sheriff's Office Special Response Team deployed canisters of tear gas through a window. Deputies heard what sounded like a gun shot, which was eventually confirmed by remote cameras deployed into the home that Farrell sustained an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

Farrell was transported to University Hospital in New Orleans where he underwent surgery last night and is listed in critical condition.

This investigation is ongoing.