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On October 9, 2016 Jasper County Sheriff's Office Dispatch received a 911 call at 4:16 AM. The caller requested law enforcement to 405 N Orchard Street in Prairie City. The caller reported he had just killed a male at that residence. The caller stated he was going through a divorce and he arrived at the residence and found the male in his wife's bed and shot him. The caller identified himself as Chris (Christopher) Tetrick and indicated he was considering harming himself.

Law enforcement arrived on-scene and made contact with the homeowner outside of the residence. The homeowner had not been injured. The homeowner indicated she was not sure what had happened at the residence. Law enforcement officers searched the residence and found the body of 30 year old Harmon (Wes) Wright III in the basement of the residence. Harmon had suffered several gunshot wounds and was pronounced dead at the scene. Law enforcement officers found no one else inside the residence and began searching exterior buildings on the premises. Law enforcement officers found the body of 32 year old Christopher Tetrick in the detached garage of the residence. Christopher has suffered a single gunshot wound and was pronounced dead at the scene. There were no other persons at the residence at the time of the incident.

The Iowa Office of State Medical Examiner's Office performed the autopsies of both deceased individuals on October 10, 2016. At the conclusion of the autopsies the case has been ruled a murder suicide incident.

The case was investigated by the Prairie City Police Department and the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation. The Jasper County Sheriff's Office, Colfax Police Department, Iowa State Patrol, Jasper County Emergency Management and Iowa Office of State Medical Examiner's Office assisted in the investigation.

The Prairie City Police Department believes this is an isolated incident and that there is no risk to the public.

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