

Double murder rocks Bell

Uncle and nephew identified

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BELL -- The Florida Department of Law Enforcement is helping the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office investigate the murder of an uncle and his nephew in Bell, according to press releases and updates from the GCSO.

The victims are Kevin Lawrence Staley, 49, and his nephew of Kevin Justice Staley, 19.

On Thursday (Nov 5), 2015 at approximately 12:58 p.m. , the GCSO received a call in reference to a suspicious death at 5730 N.W. Gilchrist County Road 340, Bell, GCSO Capt. Sheryl Brown noted in a press release.

The Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, continues to investigate the deaths that were the result of deliberate criminal activity, Brown said,

This is being investigated as a double homicide, Brown said. There is no cause to believe these cases are reason for the general public to be in fear of attack in Bell. At this time, it does not appear this incident is connected with any previous case that has been investigated by the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office, Brown said.

While investigators believe the incident appears to be specific to these victims with specific purposes, Brown added that "We always encourage our citizens to use due diligence and caution as it pertains to their personal safety, at all times and in all places."

Anyone with any information regarding this case, is asked to contact the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office at 352-463-3410, Crime Stoppers at 352-463-7867 or the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office tip line at 352-463-7809.